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Remembering
Past Presidents
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RI District 3201 Club # 22653

From the Editor's Desk



Rtn. Ramachandran K

Dear fellow Rotarians,

This ORN bulletin is our 12th issue of the Rotary year 2019-20, as a special edition to express our gratitude and thanks to all Past Presidents of our club who are the real backbone and pillars of the club. A supplement is appended to this Bulletin with their memoirs.

This issue is also covering the COVID-19 pandemic related activities of our club during May & June. Let us pray for the well being of all living beings around the world. The issue also covers other activities of May/June 2020.

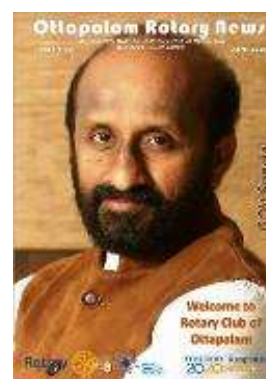
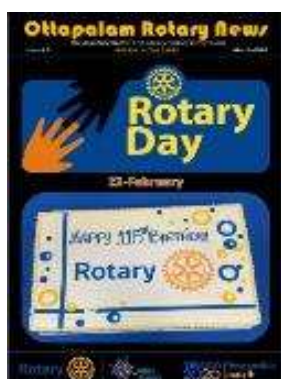
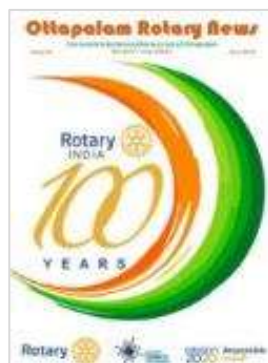
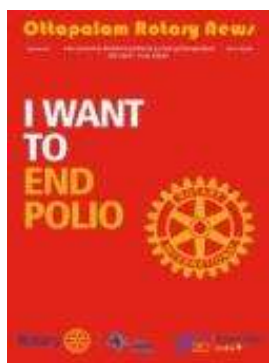
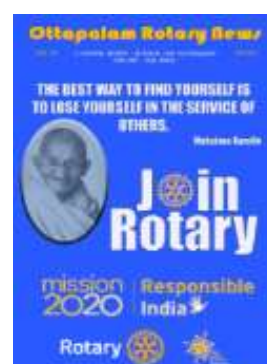
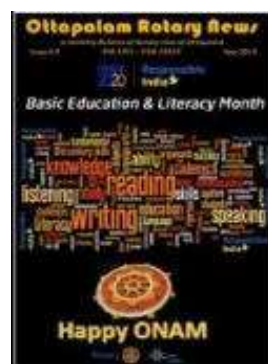
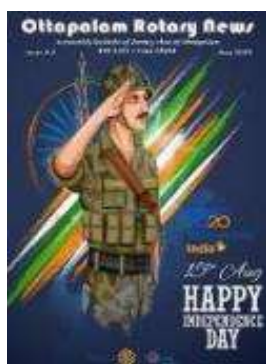
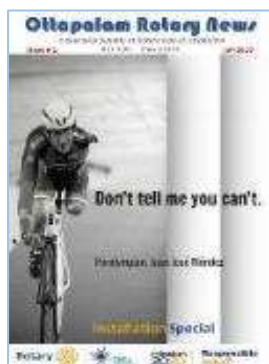
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Thank you

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President's message



Rtn. Ramachandran K

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
Greetings!

We kicked off our years with "SMILE" projects on 1st July 2019 and continued with several projects including the flood 2019 and Covid19. We started our action on Covid19 pandemic on 20th Mar 2020 by fabricating 4 hand washing stations at public places, community kitchen assistance, masks, etc. This pandemic forced even the GOV to go virtual.

We have made tremendous progress in helping the society by providing several services thru government agencies. They included pedestal fans to Govt hospital, face masks for health workers, police and other essential volunteers. We bought 300 masks for Rotary family and another 2000 masks for the public. We donated generously to PM Cares fund for Covid19 through Rotary International and also towards TRF for supporting a global grant for 1 million masks for health workers in our district.

We were selected as "Club of the month" by the District Governor's Magazine GML in Jan-2020 and now we have received a "Platinum Citation" from the Rotary International President for 2019-20.

RCO will setup an endowment fund from this year onward from which interest earned shall be used for projects. All members and well wishers can now deposit an amount dedicated for a specific purpose here.

I will be handing over the mantle to the incoming President Rtn. Pramod Kumar, who will be the president of RCO, at the end of June 2020. I wish him and his team all the best for the Rotary year 2020-21 RI theme is "Rotary opens Opportunities" which is very true in this period. All challenges must be considered as an opportunity to take us forward.

We are handing over with sufficient funds to the incoming team to kick-off their year 2020-21 comfortably.

Let me express my thanks and gratitude to our District Governor Rtn. Madhav Chandran who has been a down to earth Rotarian at hand for any help. We also express our happiness and thanks to Assistant Governor Rtn. Dr. Achuthan Kutty, District Director Rtn. Dr. Suresh Kumar and District Secretary Rtn. Algiers Khalid and Rtn. Praveen.

I am grateful and thankful to all members of this club and my family who have helped me in some way or other to carry out my job at RCO smoothly. I won't be doing justice if don't mention few names of Rotarians like Dr. K.S. Menon, C.P. Baiju, Dr. Narayanan, Sivadas, Madhusudhan, Vijayakumar,, Balu, Raaj Mohan, Pradeep and of course Ambalakkat Ram Mohan who introduced me to this Rotary world .

A special thanks goes to Rtn. Srinivasan who helped me kick-off many projects in the year. Thank you to Secretary Rtn. Kesavadas who has given me all assistance during the year.

Once again, I bow my head and with closed hands to say a BIG THANK YOU to one and all. Hope that I have not let you or the club down. I also wish to apologize and forgive me if I had hurt the feelings of any one knowingly or unknowingly.

Let us all work like a team and do good things for a better world in 2020 and beyond!

Jai Rotary! Jai Hind!



Secretary's message

In Rotary since 2010

Rtn K.N. Kesavadas

Secretary 2019-20



ഒറ്റപ്പാലം റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ്ബിന്റെ മുപ്പത്തഞ്ചാമതു വർഷമാണ് കടന്നു പോകുന്നത്.

മഹാരഥൻമാരായ വിശിഷ്ട വ്യക്തികൾ അലങ്കരിച്ച സെക്രട്ടറി പദം ഏറ്റെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ കുറച്ച് മാനസിക സംഘർഷം അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടി വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അതെല്ലാം ഹ്രസ്വ കാലത്തേക്ക് മാത്രമേ ഉണ്ടായുള്ളൂ. പ്രസിഡന്റ് സ്ഥാനത്തു വരാൻ പോകുന്ന ചന്ദ്രേട്ടനും (Rtn.രാമചന്ദ്രൻ കുണ്ടുതൊടി), അനുഭവ ജ്ഞാനികളായ മുൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ്മാരും, മറ്റു റോട്ടറി സഹ പ്രവർത്തകരും തന്നെ ഊർജ്ജം, ഒട്ടൊന്നുമല്ല എന്നെ മുന്നോട്ടു പോകാൻ പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ചത്. സെക്രട്ടറി എന്ന നിലയിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞത് ഒരു സൗഭാഗ്യ മായാണ് ഞാൻ ഇപ്പോൾ കരുതുന്നത്. ഒരു പരിധി വരെ പ്രസിഡന്റി ന്റെയും മറ്റു ക്ലബ്ബംഗങ്ങളുടെയും പ്രതീക്ഷക്കൊത്തു പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നാണെന്റെ വിശ്വാസം. പിൻഗാമി കളായി പുറകെ വരുന്നവർക്ക് എല്ലാവിധ പിന്തുണയും, സഹകരണവും ഉറപ്പു നൽകാൻ കഴിയും വിധം കുറെ ഏറെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ പഠിച്ചെടുക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നത് ഒരു വലിയ വ്യക്തിഗത നേട്ടമായി കാണുന്നു.

തികച്ചും ആകസ്മികമായി ലോകം മുഴുവൻ പടർന്നു പിടിച്ച കോവിഡ് 19 എന്ന വ്യാധി നമ്മെയും പ്രതികൂലമായി ബാധിച്ചു. ഒട്ടേറെ വിലയേറിയ ദിനങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടു. ഏറ്റെടുത്ത പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ മുഴുമിക്കാനോ, ലക്ഷ്യം കൈവരി ക്കാനോ കഴിയാത്ത വിധം നാല് മാസങ്ങളാണ് നമുക്ക് നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടത്. എന്നാൽ വളരെ പെട്ടെന്ന് തന്നെ മാറിയ സാഹ ചര്യ ത്തിന്റെ ഗൗരവം ഉൾക്കൊണ്ടു കൊണ്ടു കോവിഡ് 19 പ്രതിരോധ ത്തിലേക്ക് നമ്മുടെ ശ്രദ്ധ മാറ്റുന്നതിൽ നമ്മുടെ പ്രസിഡന്റ് കാണിച്ച അസാമാന്യ പാടവം നിസ്തലമാണ്.

സാങ്കേതികതയിൽ അഗ്രഗണ്യനായ നമ്മുടെ പ്രസിഡന്റ്, ലോക്ക് ഡൗൺ പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കപ്പെട്ട ഉടൻ തന്നെ, zoom cloud വഴി യോഗം ചേരാൻ ആരംഭിച്ചത് കൊണ്ടു ഒരു ആഴ്ച്ച പോലും നമ്മുടെ മീറ്റിംഗ് ഉപേക്ഷിക്കേണ്ടി വന്നില്ല. ഇതിനകം ഏഴു സാധാരണ മീറ്റിംഗുകളും ഗവർണ്ണറും, അസി. ഗവർണ്ണറും പങ്കെടുത്ത രണ്ട് ക്ലബ്ബ് അസംബ്ലികളും നാം ഈ വിധത്തിൽ ചേർന്ന് കഴിഞ്ഞു. ഇതിനായി

നമ്മുടെ അംഗങ്ങളുടെ പൂർണ്ണ സഹകരണം ആണുണ്ടായത്. ഇത്തരം മീറ്റിംഗു കളിലൂടെ എടുക്കപ്പെട്ട പ്രധാന തീരുമാനങ്ങൾ കോവിഡ് പ്രതിരോധ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ വ്യാപകമായി ഇടപെടാൻ നമുക്ക് സഹായകരമായി. അടിയന്തിരമായ ഭക്ഷണവിതരണം, പ്രതിരോധ ഉപകരണങ്ങളുടെ വിതരണം, ആരോഗ്യ പ്രവർത്തകർക്കും പോലീസിനും ആവശ്യമായ സഹായങ്ങൾ, വിഭവ സമാഹരണം, PM Care Fund ലേക്കുള്ള ധന സമാഹരണം എന്ന് വേണ്ട നാം ഈ രംഗത്തു വിട്ടുപോയ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഒന്നും തന്നെ ഇല്ല. ഈ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ മുന്നിൽ നിന്നു നയിച്ച പ്രസിഡന്റിനെ ഹാർദ്ദമായി അഭിനന്ദിക്കുന്നു. നാം ഇക്കാര്യത്തിൽ എടുത്ത ചടുലമായ നീക്കങ്ങൾ മറ്റൊരിടത്ത് പ്രതിപാദിക്കപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്.

അറുപതു അംഗങ്ങൾ ഉള്ള നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബ്ബിന്റെ ഏറ്റവും വലിയ ശക്തി ഇരുപത്തിയൊന്നു മുൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ് മാറും, കർമ്മനിരതരായ അംഗങ്ങളുമാണ്. ഇവരോടൊപ്പം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുമ്പോൾ കിട്ടുന്ന സംതൃപ്തി അവാച്യമാണ്. ആകെ 422 പ്രൊജക്ട് കൾ, അവയിൽ 250 ഓളം സാമൂഹ്യ സേവനപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ, അതി ഗംഭീരമായി സംഘടിപ്പിക്കപ്പെട്ട മേഖലാ സൗഹൃദക്കൂട്ടായ്മ "സൗഹൃദം", റെയിൽവേ സ്റ്റേഷൻ മോഡി പിടിപ്പിക്കൽ, യുവജനങ്ങൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി റോട്ടറാക്ട് ക്ലബ്ബ് രൂപീകരണം, ബീഹാർ - ജാർഖണ്ഡ് മേഖലയിലേക്ക് സൗഹൃദ പഠന യാത്ര, എന്ന് വേണ്ട സമസ്ത മേഖലയിലും നമ്മുടെ തനതു ശൈലിയിൽ സ്വന്തമായ തുല്യം ചാർത്തി നാം മുന്നേറിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ അനുഗ്രഹീതരായ ചില ധന്യാത്മാക്കളെ അനുസ്മരിക്കേണ്ടി യിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇവർ പ്രത്യക്ഷമായും പരോക്ഷമായും ചെയ്യുന്ന സേവനങ്ങൾ നിരൂപമമാണ്. നിഷ്ഠാമ കർമ്മത്തിനു പ്രത്യക്ഷോദാഹരണങ്ങൾ. വ്യവസായിയും, സാമൂഹ്യപ്രവർത്തകനും, വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വിചക്ഷണനും, മനുഷ്യസ്നേഹിയുമായ Rtn. കെ എസ് മേനോൻ ആണ് ഒരാൾ. നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബ്ബിന്റെ അഭിമാനമായ അദ്ദേഹം നേരിൽ വരാതെ തന്നെ ഈ നാട്ടിലെ അശരണരായവർക്കും, ആലംബ ഹീനർക്കും വേണ്ടി നേരിട്ടും നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബ്ബ് മുഖാന്തിരവും ചെയ്യുന്ന സേവന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ നിരവധിയാണ്. നമുക്ക് ഓരോരുത്തർക്കും അദ്ദേഹ ത്തോടുള്ള നന്ദിയും കടപ്പാടും ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

അത് പോലെ തന്നെ, ക്ലബ്ബിന്റെ ജീവാത്മാവും പരമാത്മാവും ആയ, എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും വേണ്ട സകല കാര്യങ്ങളും ചെയ്യുന്ന മുഴുവൻ സമയവും റോട്ടറി പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് മാത്രം നീക്കി വെച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പ്രിയങ്കരനായ ഒരേ ഒരു മോഹനേട്ടൻ, ശ്രീ അമ്പലക്കാട്ട് രാം മോഹൻ. അദ്ദേഹം നടത്തുന്ന അദൃശീയമായ എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും നമ്മുടെ നന്ദിയും സ്നേഹവും ഇവിടെ കുറിക്കുന്നു.

എന്നാൽ, ഇവിടെ ഏതാനും വാക്കുകൾ കൊണ്ടു പറഞ്ഞു തീർക്കാൻ പറ്റാത്ത വിധം അതിബ്രഹ്മാണ്ഡമാണ് നമ്മുടെ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ഈ വർഷം നിർവഹിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കർത്തവ്യങ്ങൾ. ഒരേ സമയം പ്രസിഡന്റ് ന്റെ മുഴുവൻ സമയ ജോലിയും, ഇന്റർനെറ്റ് കമ്മ്യൂണി കേഷൻ ഓഫീസർ, ബുള്ളറ്റിൻ എഡിറ്റർ എന്നീ ഭാരിച്ച ചുമതലകളും അസുയാർ ഹമായ വിധം നിറവേറ്റാൻ കഴിയുന്നു എന്നത് എല്ലാവരെയും അദ്ഭുതപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന കർമ്മകുശലതയാണ്. ചിട്ടയോടെയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ, സാങ്കേതിക പരിജ്ഞാനം, കർമ്മോത്സുകത, എല്ലാത്തിനും പുറമെ, കർത്തവ്യ നിർവഹണത്തോടുള്ള അഭിനിവേശം എന്നിവ സംയോജിക്കുമ്പോൾ കിട്ടുന്ന ഗുണഫലം നമുക്ക് ആവോളം കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. നമ്മുടെ പ്രിയങ്കരനായ പ്രസിഡന്റ് ചന്ദ്രേട്ടനു ഹൃദയത്തിന്റെ ഭാഷയിൽ നന്ദി പറയുന്നു. സെക്രട്ടറി എന്ന നിലയിൽ കൃത്യ നിർവഹണത്തിൽ, എനിക്ക് വ്യക്തിപരമായി ലഭിച്ച സഹായ സഹകരണങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രത്യേക കൃതജ്ഞത രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ ഡിസ്ക്രിക്ട് ഗവർണ്ണർ മാധവ് ചന്ദ്രൻ ഒരു ഊർജ്ജസ്വലനാണ്. വ്യക്തമായ കാഴ്ചപ്പാടും, കർമ്മപരിപാടികളും ആണു അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ മൂലധനം. നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബിനോടു അദ്ദേഹം കാണിച്ച പ്രത്യേകസന്നേഹത്തിനും വാത്സല്യത്തിനും നന്ദി പറയട്ടെ. കോവിഡ് പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഔദ്യോഗിക സന്ദർശനം നമുക്ക്

നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടു എങ്കിലും ഓൺലൈൻ മീറ്റിംഗിലൂടെ ആ നഷ്ടം ഒരു പരിധി വരെ നികത്താൻ അദ്ദേഹം മുന്നോട്ടു വന്നതിന് നമ്മുടെ അകൈതവമായ കൃതജ്ഞത രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഏകോപിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിൽ അതീവ ശ്രദ്ധ പുലർത്തുന്ന അസി. ഗവർണ്ണർ Rtn. ഡോ. അച്യുതൻകുട്ടി, നമ്മുടെ സ്വന്തം GGR പ്രദീപ് എന്നിവരോടും നമുക്ക് അനിർവചനീയമായ സ്നേഹവും കടപ്പാടും ആണുള്ളത്.

അതുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ ഈ വർഷത്തെ ഏറ്റവും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കപ്പെട്ട വർണ്ണോജ്ജ്വലമായ "സൗഹൃദം" കൂട്ടായ്മക്ക് മനോഹരമായ വേദി ഒരുക്കിത്തന്ന നമ്മുടെ മുൻ പ്രസിഡന്റ് സി. പി. ബൈജു, കൂടാതെ എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലും കൂടെ നിന്ന മറ്റ് എല്ലാ സഹപ്രവർത്തകർ, എല്ലാവരോടും ക്ലബിന്റെ പേരിലും എന്റെ സ്വന്തം പേരിലും നന്ദി രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

അഭിശപ്തമായ ഈ കെട്ട കാലത്തിനു ശേഷം, പിന്നീട് ഓർത്തെടുക്കാൻ ഈ വർഷത്തെ സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ ചുമതലകളും അതിനോട് ചേർത്ത് വെക്കാവുന്ന കുറെ നല്ല ഓർമ്മകളും തന്നെ നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബ് അംഗങ്ങളോടും, വിശിഷ്ട പ്രസിഡന്റ് ചന്ദ്രേട്ടനോടും, സർവ്വോപരി ജഗദീശ്വരനോടും നന്ദി പറയട്ടെ.



Covid-19

RCO Activities May-June 2020

Projects of May & June 2020

- We continued our Covid19 related work during May/June 2020
- Total cost of Covid19 related activities is **over Rs. 3 lakhs** including **Rs. 91,000** towards TRF Global Grant for 1 million Masks for Medics.

SUMMARY

- 10-Weekly online meetings , 1-Joint Board, 1-AG Club Assembly, and 1-Governor's Official Online Visit(GOV)
- Free distribution of umbrellas to local Police stations.
- Free distribution of 400 face masks to Rotarians and their families
- Free distribution of 2000 masks to general public
- More food to the needy and masks distribution will continue in June 2020
- Distribution of 5000 surgical masks to Taluk Government hospital Ottapalam through a global grant arranged by the district and our contribution of Rs. 91,000 towards the grant.

Covid-19 - RCO Activities May-June 2020



Global Grant Toilet site review with AG



Rotary umbrellas to police



Masks to Rotary Families



Rotary umbrellas to police



Masks to Rotary Families



Masks inauguration by AG & RTO



Masks inauguration by AG & RTO



Masks distribution to traffic violators by MVI & President



Masks to GG Training center



Masks to our International guest

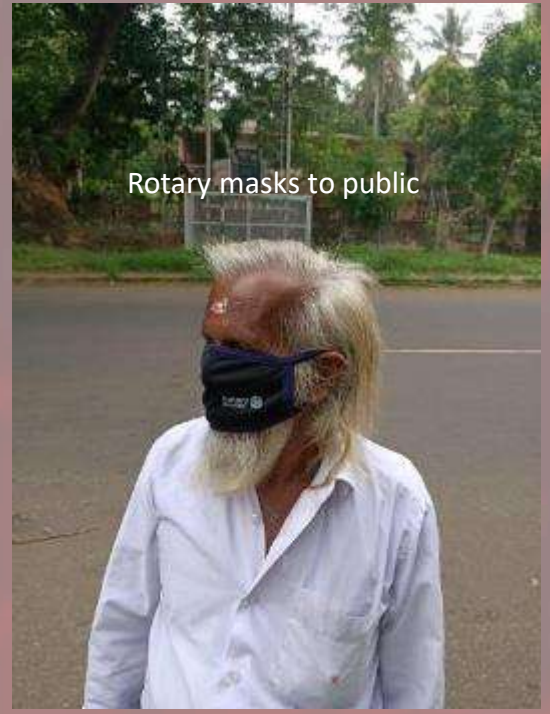


Masks to migrant Labourer on street

Covid-19 - RCO Activities May-June 2020



Rotary masks to public



Rotary masks to public



Our international guest
Mr. VG Menon



5000 masks to Ottapalam Taluk Hospital



Rotary Maks and souvenir to JRTO Office

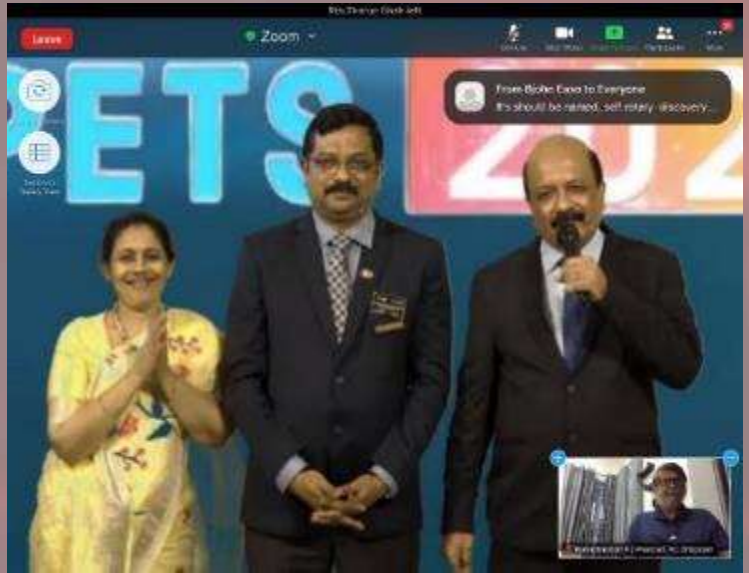


Rotary masks t Ex Rtn Joy
T George then Principal
SDA school.

Covid-19 - RCO Activities May-June 2020



RI President elect Rtn. Holder Knaack addressing PETS



DGE Rtn. Jose Chacko thanking the PETS attendees



DG Rtn. Madhav Chandran Addressing attendees
(Above and below)



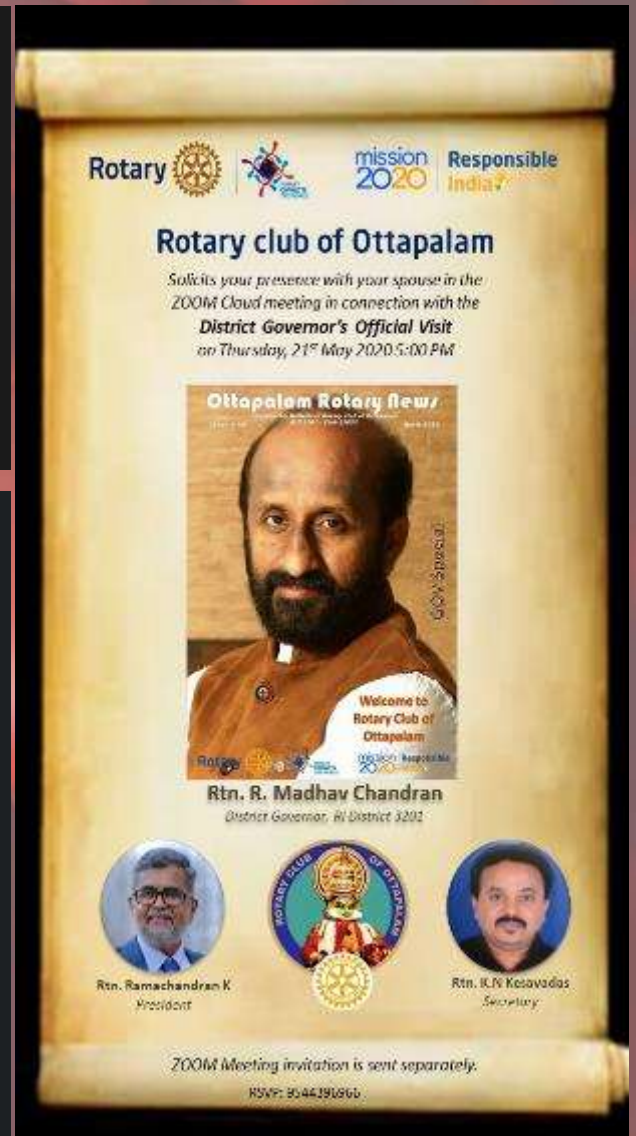
Some of attendees from RC at AG's club assembly



PETS attendees

Covid-19 - RCO Activities May-June 2020

We held our Governor's Official Visit (GOV) thru a virtual meeting on 20-May-2020



In Rotary since 2010

Rtn Major Donor Dr. K.S. Menon

(M.S, Ph.D(USA), M.A, M.Ed, Ph.D(IND), B.Sc, PGDSM)
Managing Director, Brodan Contracting Co. S.P.C, Bahrain



"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill" said this few decades ago.

We may require days to narrate what and who is Rtn. Dr. K.S. Menon fondly called Sundarettan. He is a student, teacher, businessman, footballer, philanthropist, parent and a good human being. I would rather prefer to read out some famous quotes and you may relate it to what ever way you had known or experienced him.

I strongly believe he fits into all these quotes below:

- *"Philanthropy lies at the heart of human greatness." (Patrick J. Ryan, US General Korean war)*
- *"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more." (Tony Robbins is an American author, life coach, and philanthropist.)*
- *if you're in the luckiest 1% of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99%." (Warren Buffet).*
- *"Philanthropy is all about making a positive difference in the world by devoting your resources and your time to causes you believe in" (...Unknown)*

- *"To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter. Aristotle "*
- *"When I do good, I feel good. when I do bad, I feel bad. That's my religion. Abraham Lincoln"*
- *"If you have something to give, give it now." said Mark Bezos (brother of Jeff Bezos of Amazon)*

30 is the new 70. Most people around the world are depressed and feel like 70 when they reach 30, But here is a man of example who is still at 30 and never ageing beyond that. The secret of his age and look is what Philanthropy is all about. let us all try to reverse the trend and make 70 the new 30. Rtn. Dr. K.S. Menon is a living example and role model for all of us.

On behalf of Rotary club of Ottapalam and my own family members we express our gratitude for all what he has given to Rotary and society at large.



We wish him all the best in coming years and continue doing good to the world. May god bless him and his family.

Rtn. Ramachandran K | President





Let noble thoughts come to us from every side -Rigveda: 1-89-1

*"... ageless message of Faith, Self-discipline and Dedication:
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In Rotary since 2005

Rtn. MPH C.P. Baiju

Managing Director, United Group of Industries



Rtn. C.P. Baiju is not a stranger in the Rotary community. He is a well known and respected Rotarian, an industrialist and a philanthropist. He is loving, caring and is very good at his humanitarian services on his personal level and at any other level he is associated with..

He has no hesitation when called upon for help from any corner of the society.

He is always available for any project of the Rotary club. A member of that level who is ready to spare his earning in cash or kind any time. Be it maintenance activity of our own property of a big charity project of Rotary, he will be in the front to help and guide others.

A simple example is our Souhrudam 2020 Fellowship meet. When we were thinking of hiring a place to host 500+ Rotarians, he has no hesitation to offer his new convention centre FREE of cost to us for conducting the Fellowship meet. One needs to have a different mindset, for people who always think of giving. They know the value of giving!

On behalf of Rotary club of Ottapalam , I express our thanks and gratitude to Rtn. Baiju. We wish him and his family all the best in coming years. May god bless him.

Rtn. Ramachandran K | President





Thank you





Thank you



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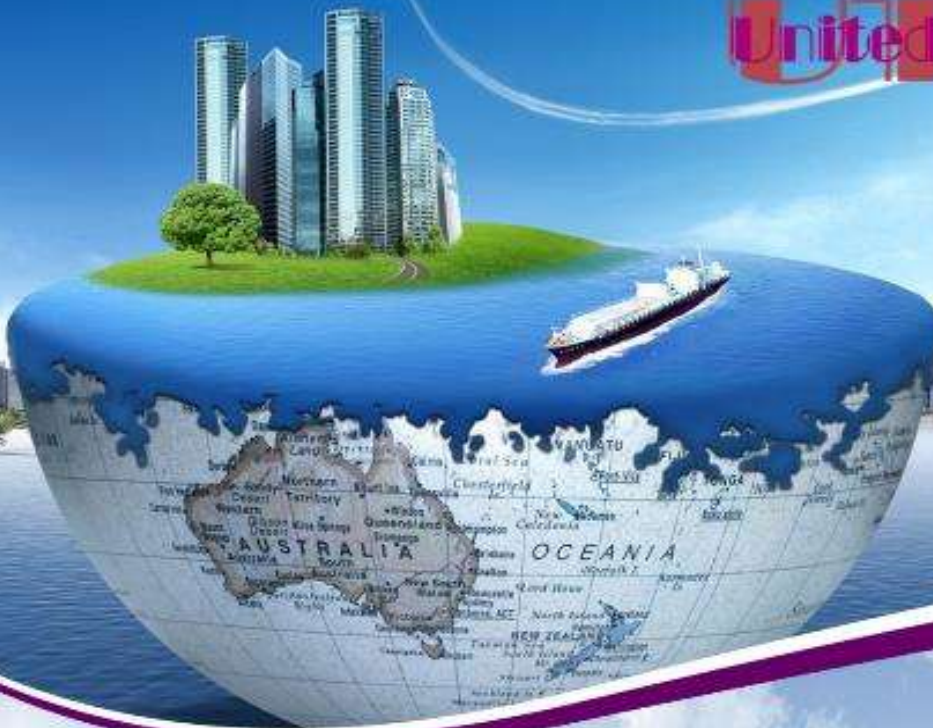


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President's message



Rtn. Ramachandran K
President 2019-20

Dear Rotarians,

Greetings from Rotary club of Ottapalam!

Thanks to one of our senior members and past president Rtn. Col. Gangadharan who mooted the idea of recording the past history of our illustrious club that has surpassed 35 years of service to the humanity with great zeal and enthusiasm year after year.

Hats off to those who initially sowed the idea that gave birth to this organisation in Ottapalam. We must first thank those stalwarts beginning with the Charter president Rtn. Late P.S. Rajan



Charter President late Rtn. Capt. P.S. Rajan

Rtn. K.S. Madhavan. All other Charter members are



Charter Secretary late Rtn. K.S. Madhavan

All Past Presidents who are our active members have written about their good old memories of Rotary life remembering their service to the society during their presidential period and also about major mile stones in their Rotary life.

We pray to GOD to keep those souls who have departed us and bow our head to show respect. We owe them a big salute and say that we are the torch bearers of your ideals and we do not let you down. Thank you for your dreams and we shall try our best to keep your dreams up and alive.

Rotary International is celebrating its 100th year of service in India and it is really a tribute to all those who spared their time and resource for this great service organisation. This is the only service organisation in the world that have survived since 1905 without any difficulty. The organisation is strong as ever even in 2020. Our 2020-21 theme says "Rotary Opens Opportunities". How true it is with the current Covid19 pandemic era.

This special edition of a historical publication designed, edited and published by Rotary club of Ottapalam with good support from all members. We wish to see that this kind of historical publications should be released every five or ten years. So my earnest request to all current and future presidents to keep their history intact or handed it over to the club immediately after your presidential period. That way the publication of future editions as an annexure to this 1st edition shall become easy.

I as the editor of this magazine, that is the 12th and final edition of this Rotary year 2019-20 released during the Joint Board Meeting (Virtual) held on 14th June 2020, thank all the team 2019-20 members for their full support during the year. I wish all the best to the incoming team 2020-21.

Last but not the least, let me thank and express my gratitude to Rtn. Ambalakat Ram Mohan who introduced me to the Rotary fraternity and introduced me to the Rotary club of Ottapalam. I have enjoyed Rotary life by adhering to Rotary motto "Service Above Self".

Jai Rotary

Jai Hind

Presidents from 1985 onward

Rotary Year	President	Secretary
1985-86	Rtn. Capt. P.S. Rajan	* Rtn. K.C.Nair/Rtn. K.S.Madhavan *
1986-87	Rtn. Capt. P.S. Rajan	* Rtn. K.S.Madhavan *
1987-88	Rtn. Maj. M.V. Menon	* Rtn. VGK Nair *
1988-89	Rtn. K.S. Madhavan	* Rtn. V.T. Joseph *
1989-90	Rtn. VGK Nair	* Rtn. CA V. Gopinathan
1990-91	Rtn. V.T. Joseph	* Rtn. V.K. Narayan Kutty *
1991-92	Rtn. V.K. Narayan Kutty	* Rtn. Dr. KV Ramachandran
1992-93	Rtn. P. Achutha Menon	* Rtn. T.N. Kutty
1993-94	Rtn. Dr. KV Ramachandran	Rtn. K. Vasu Pillai *
1994-95	Rtn. MSU Menon	Rtn. P. Krishnaprasad *
1995-96	Rtn. T.N. Kutty	Rtn. A. Ram Mohan
1996-97	Rtn. Vijayan Parokkotil	Rtn. P. Krishnaprasad
1997-98	Rtn. A. Ram Mohan	Rtn. Sasikumar
1998-99	Rtn. P. Sivasdas	Rtn. Sivasankaran
1999-00	Rtn. PHF Dr. Gopikumar	Rtn. Ravi Pillai
2000-01	Rtn. K. Radhakrishnan	Rtn. K. Govindankutty
2001-02	Rtn. Ravi Pillai	* Rtn. R. Madhusudhan
2002-03	Rtn. PHF Dr. Gopikumar	Rtn. M.G. Koman
2003-04	Rtn. Dr. P.K. Thajuraj	Rtn. P.K. Peethambaran
2004-05	Rtn. R. Madhusudhan	Rtn. Dr. P.H. Suresh *
2005-06	Rtn. P.K. Peethambaran	Rtn. E. Prabhurajan
2006-07	Rtn. E. Prabhurajan	Rtn. PHF V.A. Balu
2007-08	Rtn. PHF V.A. Balu	Rtn. PHF C.P. Baiju
2008-09	Rtn. PHF E.P. Ramachandran	* Rtn. PHF Col. C. Gangadharan
2009-10	Rtn. M.G. Koman	Rtn. PHF G. Pradeep *
2010-11	Rtn. PHF G. Pradeep	* Rtn. PHF K. Pramod Kumar
2011-12	Rtn. MPH Col. C. Gangadharan	Rtn. Raaj Mohan K.
2012-13	Rtn. MPH C.P. Baiju	Rtn. Col. KCK Nair
2013-14	Rtn. PHF Adv. NK Jayadevan	Rtn. PHF Adv. P. Pradeep
2014-15	Rtn. PHF Col. KCK Nair	Rtn. P. Vasudevan *
2015-16	Rtn. PHF Krishnadasan PM	Rtn. Narayanan M.
2016-17	Rtn. MPH Dr. Narayanan M	Rtn. Ramachandran K.
2017-18	Rtn. Raaj Mohan K.	Rtn. PHF Dr. Satheesh Kumar Nair
2018-19	Rtn. PHF Adv. Pradeep P.	Rtn. Lt Col Venugopalan K
2019-20	Rtn. K. Ramachandran	Rtn. PHF K.N. Kesavadas
2020-21	Rtn. PHF Pramod Kumar	Rtn. M Sreenivasan Nair
	Deceased *	Currently not a member *

Past Presidents 1993-2001



Rtn. Dr. K.V. Ramachandran
(1993-94)



Rtn. M.S. Unnikrishnan (MSU) Menon
(1994-95)



Rtn. T.N. Kutty
(1995-96)



Rtn. Parakkottil Vijayan
(1996-97)



Rtn. Ambalakkat Ram Mohan
(1997-98)



Rtn. P. Sivadasan
(1998-99)



Rtn. Dr. K. Gopikumar
(1999-2000, 2002-03)



Rtn. K. Radhakrishnan
(2000-01)

Past Presidents 2003-2013



Rtn. Dr. P.K. Thajuraj
(2003-04)



Rtn. R. Madhu Sudhan
(2004-05)



Rtn. P.K. Peethambaran
(2005-06)



Rtn. E. Prabhurajan
(2006-07)



Rtn. V.A. Balu
(2007-08)



Rtn. M.G. Koman
(2009-10)



Rtn. Col. C. Gangadharan (Retd)
(2011-12)



Rtn. C.P. Baiju
(2012-13)



**Rtn. Adv. N.K. Jayadevan
(2013-14)**



**Rtn. Col. KCK Nair (Retd)
(2014-15)**



**Rtn. P.M. Krishnadasan
(2015-16)**



**Rtn. Dr. M. Narayanan
(2016-17)**



**Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan
(2017-18)**



**Rtn. Adv. P. Pradeep
(2018-19)**



**Rtn. K. Ramachandran
(2019-20)**



**Rtn. K. Pramodkumar
(2020-21)**

Past Presidents 2013-2019

Presidents 2019-21

In Rotary since 1989

Rtn T.N. Kutty

President 1995-96



I Joined Rotary in the year 1989. Present IMA hall was the Rotary Hall then. I was secretary in year 1992. There were only 13 members at that time.

I was installed as President on 6th July 1995, after successful PETS. Those days unlike now, only Presidents had PETS training.



I took over from Rtn. M.S.U. Menon. The membership at that time was around 20. Out of which few only were active in practical. Rtn A. Ram Mohan was secretary.

There used to be regular weekly meetings, Board meeting and Family dinner meeting once a month. Family participation in Board meetings started during this time only.

I had been Board member right from 1990 onwards. Due to limited members and monthly subscription, it was not easy to do many projects.

Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace
RI President: Rtn. Herbert G. Brown
District Governor: Rtn. Bengaroo
Club Secretary: Rtn. A. Ram Mohan



As per request from chairman Hellen Keller Institute for visually challenged, Rotary club provided Rs. 20,000 for providing Motorised Ratt. for making coir ropes. Till then they were using Cycle wheel frame with handle fitted, and one person rotating. This was a great relief for the inmates.



Another project was providing iron cots to Balika Sadan, Ottapalam costing around Rs. 35,000. We also provided a TV set and lunch to inmates during GOV, Rtn. Bangaroo's official visit.



There were 33 members when I handed over to next president.

Jai Rotary!

Rtn. T.N. Kutty | President 1995-96

Some interesting pictures are given below:

Monthly Bulletin



Polio Booth Visit



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MAIN ROAD, OTTAPALAM
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LUMBER COMPLY
MANIPURRY
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Ship ENGINEER ARCHITECTS
Main Road, OTTAPALAM
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COMPUTER AIDED LIVES & LEVELS
SIR. KAPA COMPLEX
MAIN ROAD, OTTAPALAM

Rotary International District 3201
 1. Successful families...
 2. Successful families...
 3. Successful families...
 4. Successful families...
 5. Successful families...
 6. Successful families...
 7. Successful families...
 8. Successful families...
 9. Successful families...
 10. Successful families...

Rtn. T.N. Kutty / President 1995-96



In Rotary since 1994
Rtn Parakkottil Vijayan
President 1996-97



Build the Future with Action and Vision
RI President: Rtn. Luis Vicente Giay
District Governor: Rtn. L. Vishnudas.
Club Secretary: Rtn. P. Krishnaprasad



Rtn. P. Vijayan | President 1996-97

I had the privilege to lead one of the best clubs of our district. The activities of Rotary year 1996-97 started with a colorful and elegant installation ceremony held at the CSN auditorium. PDG Rtn. B.R. Ajith was the chief guest. It was a well attended function. Rotarians from other clubs and invited guests from different walks of life.

All together the activities during the year was well balanced. The highlights or achievement of the year being that our club had the first **Paul Harris Fellow(PHF)** through me and a team of 40 members including Anns and Annets attended the District Conference at Tirupur. Our District Governor for the year was Rtn. L. Vishnudas.

Rtn. P. Vijayan




1st PHF of the club

In Rotary since 1994

Rtn Ambalakat Ram Mohan

President 1997-98





Show Rotary Cares -for your community,
for our world, for its people
RI President: Rtn. Glen W. Kinross
District Governor: Rtn. Pratap Gokuldas
Club Secretary: Rtn. Sasikumar

- Best appointment held in District. As RI approved District Chairman for WCS. GSR for formation of RC Shoranur
- Important recognition awards received namely Change Maker and Best Rotarian Palghat region.
- Best work I enjoyed, and this became a part of my life and continues.
- Helping differently abled specially Paraplegics, Ajay Vijay, Damayanti's 5 siblings, Global Grant and through the earlier CBR Project.
- Attended 7 international convention (the first couple delegates from RCO).

My humble service through Rotary club of Ottapalam (RCO) to the World and for Ottapalam!

Joined Rotary club of Ottapalam (RCO) after seeing their humanitarian services done all over the world and due the pressure from Charter President late Capt. P.S. Rajan. Few services rendered by me with the support of many which I am jotting down from my memory. You know what my age is? As young as 80.

- Organised a first ever consumer exhibition in OTP for fund raising for our CRR Hall and for the first Ambulance, 10 Cents of land that was donated by my spouse Rtn Nirmala.
- The first ever Flower show organised in our house compound and people started calling this place as **Friends of Flowers** after words. Instrumental for 6 Matching Grants and the recently completed Global Grant for paraplegics and quadriplegics.

Attended similar number of ITHF and ROTI general body meetings were also in places like Singapore, Indianapolis, LA, Bali, New Orleans, Birmingham, Lisbon and Thailand.

- Introduced +25 vibrant members to RCO and inducted many of them who are now Past Presidents.



Rtn. Ambalakat Ram Mohan | President 1997-98

- RKCA Garden and the activities there in since the beginning and the Rotary image I made is known to many in the International level.
- Made 100s of international Rotarians as



friends and good number of them visited Ottapalam as my personal guests and I too enjoyed visiting them back under home hospitality.

- Arranged few inter districts and International Meet and Greet program. In places like Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bali Naval Base in Jam Nagar are worth mentioning.
- Presented our Banner in more than 200 Clubs and my RYLarian son Navin in Brazil too.
- Enjoyed travelling specially as a Rotarian and managed to visit almost in 4 continents. I presented our Banner and small mementos in Mainland China, when I went as a team leader for the Foundry Engineers from India
- Enjoyed 7-star type of home hospitality from Rotarian's in France, Birmingham, and Los Angeles. With my money I would not have stayed even for a day where the cost of living and accommodation rate is extremely high.
- I am proud of serving the nation by serving in the world-famous Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for 28 years (1961-2009) and serving to humanity through Rotary even. It continues since last 26 years.
- My collar was extremely high When Ambassador Deepak Vohra spoke about BROs relentless time bound works during

natural calamities during one of our District Conferences and embraced me and shook hand with me on hearing I am an Ex BRO Officer.

- Attended the Charity Dinner at Colombo and enjoyed the Sri Lankan hospitality. In fact, my first ITHF connection was from Colombo.



I salute the following Rotary leaders and my mentors whose work I always admired and followed: PDG Venugopal C Govind, Pratap Gokuldas and Sunil Zakaria. I am lucky to have met and interacted closely with PRIP Raja Saboo, Kalyan Banerjee, Wilfred Wilkins, etc.

Hosted many International Rotarians visited our area in Ottapalam at least for a tender coconut water and few for home hospitality. Film Star Revathi was a guest of honour in one family get together hosted in my house.

GSE Teams and visiting District Governors always used to visit the Friends of Flowers Garden of ours which specialize in Orchid and other rare ornamental flowers.

I am associated with the Rotary Image building Projects like First operation of Ajay Vijay long back costing 8 Lakhs (fully helped by Rotarian Doctors of Mangalore, Koonathara Centennial Project, Rotary Garden, Damayanti House construction and the recently concluded Global Grant project.

I am Indebted to many of my social media friends, relatives, close friends, and Rotarians who helped me/my club whenever needed materials and funds.

Considering my age, I will not be able to run around as earlier but still hope to do some more for the Differently Abled families in and around Ottapalam.

Rotary gave me a good name and I enjoy ROTARY, which Cares, Shares, Connects and many other good things in the world.



Rtn. Ambalakat Ram Mohan | President 1997-98

In Rotary since 1994

Rtn P. Sivadasan

President 1998-99




Joined Rotary Club of Ottapalam in April 1993. Rtn Dr. K.V. Ramachandran was the President. I was invited to join the Rotary by Rtn. Krishna Prasad a vibrant leader.

My induction to the Rotary was conducted in the club premises in a modest way devoid of any fanfare.

During those years our membership was less than 15.



I became the President of the club in 1998-99. Rtn. PDG Venugopal C Govind was the Chief guest and venue was C. S. N Auditorium. It was a colourful function attended by many Rotarians from neighbouring clubs and public.



Follow Your Rotary Dream
RI President: Rtn. James L. Lacy
District Governor: Rtn. Sunil K Zachariah
Club Secretary: Rtn. Sivasankaran

Rtn. Sunil Zachariah was the Governor of undivided Rotary district 3200. His vision was 12 projects in that Rotary year, one project each month. I could complete all the 12 projects successfully in a stipulated timeframe.

The significant project was “Children’s Opportunity Grant”. TRF earmarked 20 million US dollars for alleviating the hapless plight of mentally and physically challenged children.



The fund was allotted to the clubs who submit a project report in convincing and brief manner on a first come basis. We selected MEDHA foundation a school catering to the need of such children, run by a Philanthropist Sri Narayanan Kutty Nair. Our project report was the 7th from district 3200 to reach TRF and got approved. It was worth Rs 1.87 Lakhs and we provided various amenities like play equipment, utensils, fridge TV, books etc.

The first matching grand project of our club was the Ambulance Project and second one was providing clean drinking water facilities to the inmates of Poly garden at Lakkidi.

Though both the projects were executed during my tenure as President but it was initiated by my IPP Rtn. Ram Mohan and he was instrumental in obtaining the matching grand.

I was the Charter Treasurer of CRR Trust and income from running the ambulance was the only source of revenue for the trust. During this period ROC started the first institutional Rotaract club in NSS College Ottapalam. PDG Rtn. Darious Marshal was the chief guest and he inaugurated the Rotaract club.

Rtn. P. Sivadasan / President 1998-99

I was GGR in 2003-2004 when Dr Thajuraj was the President. Then in 2006-2007 I became the first Assistant Governor from Rotary club of Ottapalam. Held different position in club and district level.

Received RI Presidents "Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians".

In 2013 I was selected as the chairman for Pre-pet and Grand Management seminar of Zone2 held at Das continental Hotel Trichur



I had the opportunity to become the Chairman of Regional fellowship meet Souhradham2020. It was a mega event which was applauded and acclaimed by the participated Rotarians of Zone2.

This event was a major challenge which required many meeting of Team souhradham2020. Visiting almost all the clubs of Zone2 at different intervals by different team of Rotarians. The Regional fellowship meet was indeed a mega event conducted by our club with the full co operation of all Rotarians and significantly the efforts of Team souhradham2020.

My sincere gratitude to one and all.

Living in Rotary and living with Rotary are different. For the past 27 years I enjoyed being a Rotarian accruing the indirect benefits of Rotary, imbibed the spirit of Rotary "Service above Self". Met and made many friends. By every passing year I evolved gradually to be a better human being. Gained much wisdom and leadership lessons which undoubtedly helped me in my professional career.

Thanks to the Rotary Fraternity.

JAY ROTARY




Rtn. P. Sivadasan / President 1998-99

In Rotary since 1997


Rtn Dr. Gopikumar

President 1999-2000



Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity
 RI President: Rtn. Carlo Ravizza
 District Governor: Rtn. Dr. A. Muruganathan
 Club Secretary: Rtn. Ravi Pillai

President 2002-03



Sow the Seeds of Love
 RI President: Rtn. Bichai Rattakul
 District Governor: Rtn. K.C. Philip
 Club Secretary: Rtn. M.G. Koman



I returned to India in February 1997 and joined Rotary in same year. Me and Peethambaran were mainly responsible for getting the present Rotary hall. We both donated Rupees twenty thousand (Rs.20,000) for the building fund and interest free loan of another twenty thousand each. Most the members donated interest free loan ranging from 2500 to 10000.

This was duly returned to all by Rtn Peethambaran starting from the bottom rupees 2500/. Everybody's loan has been returned. In 2003 the hall was inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. K.C. Phillip when I was president.

Paramount construction owner Mr. Rajan was of great help in the construction of Rotary hall.

Rtn. DR. Gopikumar



Rtn. Dr. Gopikumar | President 1999-2000 & 2002-03

In Rotary since 1993

Rtn K. Radhakrishnan

President 2000-01




Rotary system made me the President of Rotary club of Ottapalam. The installation was on 3rd July 2000. I got the opportunity to be the millennium President. Darius Marshall was the Governor for 2000-01.

Attended PETS in Ooty with Secretary Elect Col. Chandrasekharan. After some days Col. Chandrasekharan met with an accident in L&T road, Coimbatore, his family was saved but he lost his life. Our Rotarians and Coimbatore Rotarians helped us for the formalities after the accident. Chandrasekharan was the then Treasurer.

I was in a desperate condition. Rtn. K Govindankutty became the Secretary and he supported me at his maximum. A president with a little knowledge of Rotary, pushed and pulled by other all Rotarians. That Rotary spirit made me an average President.

- Rtn. Ambalakat Ram Mohan has enough knowledge about International Matching Grants which is new to Ottapalam club, His regular attempts and efforts achieved 3 Matching Grants.
- Matching Grants to Poly Garden Drinking water Tank and distribution system project is one of the biggest. Still it is working in good condition. Thanks to the Poly Garden Management for all the maintenance of the system.



Create Awareness — Take Action
RI President: Rtn. Frank J. Devlyn
District Governor: Rtn. Darius Phiroze Marshall
Club Secretary: Rtn. K. Govindankutty

- Project clean drinking water to Kendriya Vidyalaya was another matching grant project. Water Doctor, waster purifying system installed and inaugurated by the then Assistant Governor Rtn. Thomas in Kendriya Vidyalaya.
- We have conducted so many community service projects. Arranged medical camps for physically handicap and arranged them artificial limbs at their measurements.
- Thanks to Rtn. Dr. K.V.Ramachandran.
- Part of the community service arranged food and dresses to the Kasthurba Balika Sadan.
- We paid Rotary dues in time. Board meetings at club premises.
- Attended all district events in large numbers with family.
- Enjoyed fellowship.

I am very much thankful to all Rotarians, Anns and Annets for their involvement in the complete year of my presidentship.

Jai Rotary

Jai Hind

Rtn. Radhakrishnan



Rtn. K. Radhakrishnan / President 2000-01

In Rotary since 2000

Rtn Dr. P.K. Thajuraj

President 2003-04



Highlights of major projects carried out during my presidency period of 2003-04:

- 1) Interact club started at seventh day school.
- 2) Sneha Sangamam Fellowship Meet at Hotel Tripenta, Malampuzha





Lend a Hand
RI President: Rtn. Jonathan B. Majiyagbe
District Governor: Rtn. Adv. L. Rajamani
Club Secretary: Rtn. P.K. Peethambaran

- 3) Land for starting old age home at Koonathara was handed over by Rariyankandath family to Rotary club of Ottapalam. Foundation stone for old age home was laid by Dr Dinesh Arora IAS the then sub collector of Ottapalam .



- 4) School Dental Health program was conducted in various schools in and around Ottapalam in Association with Indian Dental Association Palakkad branch.
- 5) Financial support was given to Helen Keller institute at Panayur Vaniamkulam for purchasing equipments.
- 6) Provisions were provided to Suhruth Bhavan orphanage for 6 months.
- 7) Study materials were provided to the Adopted Aided basic school at Palapuram and Govt UP school Kaniampuram.

My Family



Rtn. Dr. P.K. Thajuraj | President 2003-04

In Rotary since 1999
Rtn. Major Donor R Madhusudhan
President 2004-05



Joined RC Ottapalam in the year 1999, Inducted by then District Governor Rtn Dr Muruganathan.
 Appointed as Club Secretary in the year 2002-03 and Selected as president 2004-05.

Centennial President of Rotary club of Ottapalam of District 3200 and the Rotary Governor was Rtn Dr C M Aboobacker. Rotary theme was "Celebrate Rotary". Rotary International completed 100 years during this year. So that year was very special and called as CENTENNIAL YEAR 2004-2005.

I was installed during June 2004 as president of RC Ottapalam at our Rotary hall in a glittering function and the chief guest was Shri A K K Nair a well known Management guru from Kerala.



CELEBRATE ROTARY
 RI President: Rtn. Glenn E. Estess Sr.
 District Governor: Rtn. Dr C M Aboobacker
 Club Secretary: Rtn. Dr. P.H. Suresh



It was an eventful year for Rotary club of Ottapalam and for self and enjoyed every bit of it.

Important events, programs organised during the year 2004-2005.

- Organised Mega Fund raising program "Sangeetha Sayannam" inaugurated by famous film Director Lohitha Das and playback singers Vithu Prathap, Gayathri, Jyotsana, and Nishad performed.



Rtn. MD. R. Madhusudhan | President 2004-05



- Constructed a Building for Old age home worth Rs.10,00,000/- without rotary matching grant at Koonathara. It was a Signature project during my presidentship and received the award from Rotary district Governor as the best centennial project of the year.



- A district seminar on energy Conservation was organised and Electricity minister Shri Aryaden Mohammed was the Chief Guest. He appreciated the effort of rotary in energy conservation.
- Displayed Energy conservation board in front of



KSEB Office Ottapalam which is well received by the Public of Ottapalam and that increased the image of Rotary.

- A District seminar on Learning Disability was organised and District Governor Rtn Dr C M Aboobacker inaugurated the seminar and it was well appreciated by the society and parents of the differently abled children.



- An Inter district fellowship meet conducted with Rotary Club of Puttur R I district 3181, Karnataka. More than fifty family members participated and they also visited.



- A Warm Reception given to Rotary International Centennial Bell procession at Ottapalam.



Rtn. MD. R. Madhusudhan | President 2004-05

- Started Rotary School of Music for the Rotary



Annets and Public.

- A Painting Competition held for students of



various schools of Ottapalam conducted at Seventh Day Adventist High School in association with JCI India.



- Free Laproscopic surgery awareness program conducted in association with Vyapari Vyavasayi Ekopanasamithi and Valluvanad Hospital.



- Independence day was celebrated at our adopted school GJB School Palappuram by hosting the National Flag and also distributed Sandles to all the students



- Eye camp organised at the GJB school on Rotary Day by our Member Rtn. Dr Prashanth.
- Dental Camp organised for the Public by our Member IPP Rtn. Dr. Thajuraj .



Rtn. MD. R. Madhusudhan | President 2004-05

- Polio Immunisation program conducted on 21st November 2004 National Immunisation Day. Municipal chairman E Ramachandran Inaugurated. Food packets served at all the Polio Booths in and around Ottapalam and booth visited by the Rotarians.



Our club participated in the Vanitha Sunlight Pookala malsaram conducted during onam at palghat we got the participation prize.

- As a Rotary Club president, I got an opportunity to draw lucky numbers for Kerala lottery organised by Lottery department at CSN Hall
- October 2nd Gandhi Jayanthi Day was celebrated by cleaning Ottapalam Railway station with Scout and Guide students of Kendriya Vidyalaya.



My Family



- “Dil Mange More “ Butter Milk supplied to the Public on Chinakathoor Pooram day was inaugurated by Subcollector Dr Dinesh Arora.
- More than 20 outstanding speakers from various fields addressed our club members during the monthly family meeting which was all time high. To name a few important personalities who addressed our club are Prof George S Paul, Joy Sasthampadikkal, Sub Collector Dinesh Arora , Supdt of Police Aboobacker, N N Ramachandran , V C Kabeer, MLA etc.

Rtn. MD. R. Madhusudhan | President 2004-05

In Rotary since 2001

Rtn P.K. Peethambaran

President 2005-06



We had been to a marriage reception at Kalladikode where we met Rtn. Ram Mohan and after an introduction his first word was about invitation to join Rotary.

Even though I was born in Ottapalam, studied in NSSKPT School, we had to build a house in Pathiripala. We decided to join Rotary to have new friends in Ottapalam because we were in Dubai for 27 years. I was inducted in April 2011.

Rotary meetings were conducted in IMA hall in those days. Rtn. K. Radhakrishnan and Rtn. Govindan Kutty were the President and Secretary, respectively.

We attended several Rotary functions conducted in Tirupur, Erode, Coimbatore and Kochi. Once we attended the Rotary International convention in Bangkok also.

I had to take the secretary's post when Secretary Rtn. M.G. Koman was transferred to Kozhikode during the middle of Rotary year 2002-03. All the monthly reports were handwritten and sent to the AG and DG in those years.

During 2003-04 I was selected as Secretary and Rtn. Dr. Thajuraj as the President. PETS was conducted in Ooty in that year.

Service Above Self
RI President: Rtn. Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
District Governor: Rtn. K.S. Pillai
Club Secretary: Rtn. E. Prabhurajan

SERVICE Above Self

The present Rotary Hall (CRR HALL) construction started and was inaugurated in 2003 by Rtn. Dr. K.C. Philip during the Presidency of Rtn. Dr. Gopikumar. Members gave interest-free loans which was repaid from income of the KURI managed by me. Some members contributed Rs.25,000 each and the photos of their loved relatives were placed on the entrance wall of the hall. Regional Fellowship meet was conducted at River Retreat by our club in 2006.

In order to improve the status of our club my wife Uma Peethambaran and Nirmala Ram Mohan were inducted as members during my tenure.



Rtn. P.K. Peethambaran | President 2005-06

In Rotary since 2001

Rtn E. Prabhurajan

President 2006-07



The idea was good – asking the Past Presidents jot down sort of memoir during their sojourn turned stay in Rotary.

After being away from Ottapalam surroundings at the age of sixteen, it was a real concern for me how I would be able to adjust to the new environs after 44 years on my return; a concern that was eventually misplaced. Thanks to my great friend and well wisher Rtn. Sivadas who had “booked” me in the great family of Rotary Ottapalam even prior to my return. I would have been perhaps a fish out of water without Rotary.

Joining Rotary in 2001, I would say I have been fortunate enough to experience and enjoy the friendship and fellowship of Rotary brothers and sisters – I would underline sisters because they accepted me as their uncle or brother without any inhibition particularly in view that my wife is a non starter in Rotary due to health reasons. Sincere thanks to Rotary sisters.

Reminisces are many, I do not venture to record in entirety. To say that I enjoyed the love, affection, respect and participatory willingness of each member during my discharging of various Rotary positions, right from Sergeant-at-arm, Treasurer, Secretary, President – all in succession, surmise it in entirety.



In a nutshell, I have seen and lived thru the club's growth in its membership from almost less than 25 to the present level; the lead taken by Rtn. Dr. Gopikumar and team to build the Rotary hall, its modernization thru the efforts and leadership of various Presidents and teams; veteran Rtn. Ambalakat Rammohan in multiple roles - major in international arena bringing acclaims to the Club and making a change in means of life to the less fortunate and his ardent commitment to Rotary cause; transformation of the club to cheerful and optimistic disposition to its high voltage of vibrancy.

During my Presidentship in 2006-2007, members teamed to help dispel the misconception of many that Rotary is an organization of rich people, helped to create an awareness and better understanding what good Rotary do and can for community by reaching out more to the villages.

Funds were a problem - but with the efforts of members, projects were handy to come. The year saw a freezer mortuary gifted by Damansara and Bandar Sunway RCs; a team of 19 Rotarians and family members visiting Malaysia (a first) participating in a Family Exchange program on the invitation of above clubs, an event all of us cherish; formation of Inner Wheel sisters Club; initiation of a Matching Grant for Ambulance and Generator; promoting **Four Way Test** banners in Malayalam (first time); a mini walkathon from Ottapalam to Varode (first time); Anti-chikun gunya campaign even before the Municipality thought of it; year-long dental care project in schools benefiting over 2500 students in the age group 6-12 and so on.

I do not wish to record the individuals who spearheaded many projects - they were all Rotary Projects.

The year saw induction of active and valuable members - Rtn. Col. C. Gangadharan (Rtd), Rtn. Raajmohan, Rtn. Dr. K.S. Menon, Rtn. Adv. Krishnakumar (since left), Rtn. B. Unnikrishnan Nair (left on transfer), (late) Dr. C. Padmanabhan, and Ex-MLA Hamza as Hon. Member. I am not sure I left any one.

There were embarrassing moments too. Instant induction of a Hon. Member on President's installation stage (having not discussed and without prior knowledge of outgoing and incoming Presidents; and, being an item missing Agenda, the Chief Guest asking what's going on). However this member, later helped improve Rotary image.

Another occasion was not being able to reach on time in appropriate attire for Damansara/Bandar Sunway clubs official meeting while on family exchange visit due partly, perhaps, to a communication gap.

I always envy the family nature of our club; save for occasional minor eruptions, the cohesiveness of members when it comes to Rotary matters; active role of Past Presidents; the role of young member assets; overall, the friendship and fellowship.

I would fail if I don't at least mention the cordial working relationship I had with Rtn. Peethambaran as his Secretary, Rtn. V.A. Balu, Secretary during my Presidentship, Rtn. Vasudevan, Treasurer, Rtn. Vijayakumar the ever-smiling helping hand away from limelight; Col. Gangadharan, the inspiring Rotarian, and many more...

Jai Rotary, Jai Bharat.

Rtn. Prabhurajan Edathol.



Handing over Benches to Chunangad Public Library



Uniforms to students of Vanivilasini School, Chunangad

Rtn. E. Prabhurajan | President 2006-07

My Family



In Rotary since 2004

Rtn. V. A. BALU

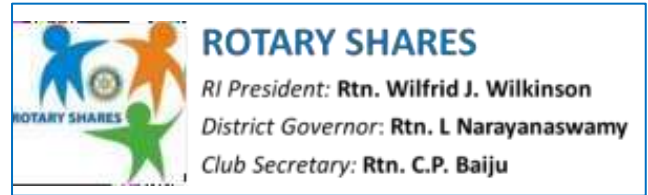
President 2007-08



Less than 3 years of Rotary experience, one year as Secretary, one year as treasurer and few months as acting secretary that was the capital resource of the Rotarian who took over as 23rd President of the Club.



The experience attained by virtue of just being among activities, was limited. I am talking about the writer himself. Then and now, I believe that one should not be put to shoulder such big a responsibility at such an early stage. The performance of any leader is direct application of knowledge acquired by investing time in any given area. In a club with legacy of more than three decades it is advisable to insist that one should have attained a minimum of five or six years of Rotary experience before he takes up the Presidential responsibility]. But then, the dedication of all stalwarts who brought forward the club sailing through tough times that challenged the very existence of the club was more than a lesson to



encourage and embolden the President to overcome his shortcomings. The special feature of, perhaps very few clubs have it, the unconditional support of Past Presidents was really in abundance. Thirteen of past presidents were active members of the club at that time who gave rock-solid support to the President. The year was marked in the history as the last year of existence of District 3200, comprised of the vast area covering cities like, Erode, Ooty, Pollachi, Tirupur, Kozhikkode, Kasargode, Kalpetta etc. etc. apart from those we hold today.

President took a pledge before taking over the mantle to increase communication among members to whatever possible extent. All modes of communications available in those days, were used to keep members informed about the daily activities, viz. phone calls, sms, e mails, surface mails, news bulletins in print and personal visits as far as possible. Our District web site was used for academic debates and information sharing among other clubs and District. Our projects were well showcased on the wall of District Website. Social media like, Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, were not born those days. The members who earlier complained about not being informed about the club activities, even said that the communications could be reduced in number! The members including those who never attended meetings used to get morning sms informing the day's programmes. Those members who were never seen in meetings, got on every Thursday mornings, an sms worded "Please be present in today's weekly meeting and give your valuable suggestions on how to improve our attendance in meetings". Interestingly, no suggestions came from them but they themselves attended meetings so that we had to rearrange the weekly meetings towards the end of the year bringing down from the upstage to the main hall! The response from members by way of their attendance in weekly meetings were overwhelming. The membership strength on records grew from 38 on July 1, the first day of the year to 52 on next June 30 the last day, first time touching the 50 mark. The members data was hundred percent uploaded on the district website for the first time. The data on RI website was purified such a way that few duplicate entries were removed, and few erroneous information

Rtn. V. A. Balu | President 2007-08

were rectified communicating with RISAO. The unstinting support offered by young Rotarian CP Baiju as secretary was a real strength to the President and the Club.

It was predictable at that time that he would grow fast as a seasoned leader and he did.



The most memorable event of the year was the honouring of Past Presidents of our club at the hands of visiting District Governor. Past Presidents, who had exited from the club the late PA Menon and late KS Madhavan received honours. The vocational excellence award was bestowed on the nursing superintendent of Govt Hospital Smt PC Nalini, who had served throughout her long career as a staff nurse in a commendable manner. Adding value to the award, she wrote a touching letter to the club after few days of receiving the award.



As usual, the public face of RC Ottapalam, the one and only Rtn Ambalakat Ram Mohan was instrumental in connecting with Grace Foundation Canada who magnanimously donated an auto rikshaw to Medha Foundation School for the mentally challenged, for the transportation of differently abled children from their homes to school. This was so helpful a project as the children could stay at home with their parents and commute to school comfortably and back home. Grace Foundation also donated to the School through RC

Ottapalam, special equipment, and teaching aids worth nearly a lakh of rupees. As a befitting recognition of all-round service rendered by Rtn Ram Mohan, President nominated him for the Four Avenues of Service Award by RI President. This was the first ever nomination from our club. The citation was presented to him in a colourful function.

Kerala Government had developed the novel idea of Janamaithry policing to reduce the gap between public and law enforcing Policemen. RC Ottapalam donated a Computer System attached with a printer to the Police Station exclusively for the use of Janamaithry Police.

The remarkable growth in the number of community service projects done had made it possible to undertake all time high of those days, 153 projects in that year which entitled us to receive the district award for the Best Club in the undivided District 3200. As many as 23 recognitions



were awarded to us in the District Award function.

The best among the project was the accomplishment of the Matching Grant project worth \$21500. The club could overcome all the hurdles and obstacles which came on our way in the process of getting this matching grant project cleared by District and RI. Our matching partner was Rotary Club of Bandar Sunway of Malaysia, in District 3300. At one stage we had to shelve the project for various issues popped up, but finally after resolving all those issues, we won over, in completing the project. A brand-new Ambulance was handed over in the possession of CRR Trust. The trust earned a regular monthly income running this ambulance attached with the mobile freezer we had already owned. Later CRR Trust sold the Ambulance off and the sale proceeds were added to its assets. The Ambulance not only gave employment to its driver but also gave subsidised usage for the community for a few years. All members of the club stood united in support of the project and 14 of the members contributed to the club's share of the project fund.

It was a moment of pride to our club when these 14 members were awarded PHF recognitions in one

Rtn. V. A. Balu | President 2007-08

solemn function, a rare fete our club has ever witnessed.



For any Rotarian, the learning he undergoes during his tenure as President is sure to help him throughout his life. My experience is no different. For me entire 365 days of presidentship were 365 chapters of a textbook of learning. Unquestionably these lessons helped me grow in my Rotary career, to hold various positions beyond the club level. After my term as President, I was picked up for various positions in District level all these years barring one. I could serve Rotary to a satisfactory level in positions such as Assistant Governor, District Secretary, Asst District Trainer, District Training Team Member, GGR, Rotary Foundation Regional Chair, Zonal Chair, Regional Chair and many more. I was fortunate enough to be bestowed with quite a few personal accolades, as best club secretary, President of the best club, Outstanding AG, Best District Secretary, Best District Secretariat Member, RI Presidents citation Avenues of Service Award, Rotary Foundation District Service Award (twice), Best Regional Foundation Chair, Resourceful Rotarian of the Region, the list is incomplete. I could serve as faculty member in District Assemblies, PETS, AGTS and District, Regional Seminars. Above all these, it gave me immense satisfaction to be a Rotarian-on-call for all Presidents of our club who chose to seek assistance at any point of time. Many of them duly recognised those services appropriately without apprehensions. These remembrances are much precious to me than any of the accolades listed above. The most important of these services, is perhaps the opportunity and freehand given to me by Rtn PP PM Krishnadasan and Rtn PP Dr. M Narayanan to serve as Bulletin Editor to bring out pioneering issues of monthly e bulletin for the club during their term.

The enhancement of effective communication among members of the club is indeed a success parameter. This was effectively done throughout the year and had shown the way by visibly improving the participation from members in both meetings and projects. In the year 2007-08 we had

published four issues of printed bulletins enriched with articles, information, and pictures, from Rotary family members. The publication of monthly bulletin as a tool of effective communication was an idea mooted during the year. The e form of publication was not popular or not in vogue those days. Publishing regular bulletins in print form and making it a club fund raising project, by inviting partners to advertise on its pages, was put for discussion. But it took several years for the idea to take wings. During 2014-15 our monthly e bulletins got materialised, though did not take shape into a regular project. During 2015-16, and 2016-17 the club published regular monthly e bulletins, 24 uninterrupted issues in a row for the first time which brought the club a commendable acclamation from recipients. Both these years the club e bulletin was adjudged as best Bulletins of the District.

Now during last two years the e bulletin of RC Ottapalam has grown to such a level that the Rotary world recognises our publication as a professionally designed and content rich face book of our club. Now the club cannot go without a bulletin that showcases our meaningful activities in and around Ottapalam. Our President and Bulletin editor is apparently spending several hours a day for the smooth publication of this mouthpiece of RC Ottapalam. I congratulate President for taking up the challenge of publishing this constantly improving e-publication month after month. I feel proud and happy that the monthly bulletins have become most exciting and widely encouraged project of our club. This June issue of our bulletin carries few pages filled with some of the fading memories of our Past Presidents, and hence this introspection.



Thank you, President, for the wonderful opportunity offered and thank you fellow Rotarians for all good work you do to glorify our club.

Rtn. V. A. Balu | President 2007-08

In Rotary since 2008

Rtn M.G. Koman

President 2009-10



My memory goes back to 1988 when I joined Rotary club of Fort Cochin. I still remember fondly the District conference at Coimbatore and the home hospitality of Rtn. Kapil Das and his family.




Being a bank employee the frequent transfers unsettled my Rotary activities. I re-joined Rotary club of Ottapalam(RCO) when I settle here in 2008.

I became the President of RCO in the year 2009-10, the silver jubilee year of the prestigious club. I was installed by honourable Justice Mr. Basanth in an elegant function.

During the period in association with the National Blind Association for the Blind(NAB), we could conduct a survey and identify many visually impaired persons and done 100 cataract surgeries free of cost at ComTrust Eye Hospital and was able to declare Vaniamkulam Panchayat as Cataract Free Zone then.

Drinking water supply project at Koonathara Garden was started in the same period and even now it is continuing and benefitting a lot of people in and around Koonathara.

“Friendship and fellowship” and “Service above self” these tow mottos of Rotary guided me in all my Rotary activities. I enjoyed the support and cooperation of all my fellow Rotarians. Our club could do a lot on the avenue of community service during the period under the able guidance of



The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands
RI President: Rtn. John Kenny
District Governor: Rtn. Kakkattil Mathews
Club Secretary: Rtn. G Pradeep

International service Director Rtn. Ambalakkat Ram Mohan who was piloting the CBR project identified a number of physically challenged persons in and around Ottapalam and distributed live stock, motorised tricycle. It was inaugurated by the then District Governor Rtn. Capt. Mathews at Koonathara. The project was included in WCS project of the Rotary International.



The project was inaugurated by famous cine artist Smt. Revathy and then it was unveiled by a visiting Spanish well wisher.



My Family

Rtn.M.G. Koman | President 2009-10

In Rotary since 2006
Rtn Col. C. Gangadharan (Retd)
President 2011-12




LONG FORGOTTEN AND MEMMORABLE ROTARY YEAR 2011-12 OF ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAPALAM

Rotary year 2011-12 was a unique one for India and for RI District 3201. We had our first District Governor Rtn B Jayarajan from Revenue District Palakkad, and Rtn Kalyan Banerjee from Vapi, Gujarat as Rotary International President. Leaders at the helm of affairs were:



The new team was installed on 30 June 2011 and I took over as president from Rtn G Pradeep.

The eventful year of 2011-12 saw many firsts in the **history of Rotary Club of Ottapalam** which was appreciated by our District Governor and



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
 RI President: **Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee**
 District Governor: **Rtn. B. Jayarajan**
 Club Secretary: **Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan**

other sister clubs of the District. Some of the FIRSTS of our club are:

1. Rtn Dr K S Menon became the **First Major Donor** of the Club.
2. Rtn R Madh usudhan became the **First Paul Harris Society Member** from our Club.
3. **First ever Matching Grant outside India** was sponsored and carried out by our club in which we partnered with Rotary Club of South Davao of RI District 3860 in Philippine.
4. **Highest TRF Contribution of US \$ 15000** was made by our Club during 2011-12. This amount is not surpassed till now.
5. **High mast lamp** was unknown to the people of Ottapalam till our Club inaugurated one in the middle of Ottapalam Town during Rotary year 2011-12 (it was the result of combined efforts of 3 successive Presidents of our Club)



6. For the **First time in our history 10 Rotarians** and **Rema Gangadharan**, President Inner Wheel Club of Ottapalam attended the Rotary International Convention 2012 at Bangkok. This was an experience of lifetime and we all remember the Hall of Friendship and playing of our National Anthem during the flag ceremony.

Rtn. Col. C Gangadharan / President 2011-12

7. Concept of **International travel** as a club was introduced for **First time in our Club** during Rotary Year 2011-12 in that 42 Rotarians, Anns, Annets and relatives travelled to **Thailand** for a pleasure trip for 12 days. This trip was a memorable one and we all cherish the good time that we had in a foreign country and returned without any mishaps. Memories of Pattaya, Walking Street and the Para gliding will ever be remembered. Rotary year 2011-12 was an eventful one and the cooperation and help of our members were praiseworthy.



During this year we **implemented Matching Grant Project No 73780** and some of the Highlights of this project are:

1. Hearing aids, Callipers, wheelchairs, Braille Kits, Bailers and specialized Computers for visually challenged were distributed.
2. 500 Spectacles and 100 white canes were distributed to the visually challenged
3. 100 free Cataract surgeries were carried out.
4. 50 Health and preventive Education Classes conducted in rural area
5. Number of Ramps in the houses of Physically challenged were contracted for easy move of Wheelchairs.

Our Club recognized the following young talents:

1. Mohammed Afsal who won Gold Medal in 1500- and 3000-meter race in Kerala State School Athletic Meet in year 2011-12
2. Mr Vinaya Kumar who obtained 9th rank in JIPMER Pondicherry, entrance examination.

3. Dr K M Sony who secured 7th rank in MBBS in the University and 9th in PG Entrance examination.

We had an excellent association with Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cotton City (comprising mainly Hindi Speaking members) during the year. The President and members of this Club attended our Onam Celebrations and 45 of us attended the Diwali function organised by them.



We had a joint meeting on the Diwali day and our club Donated Rs 10000/- for their Community Service.

Our good work was recognized by the District 3201 and our region and we were bestowed with the following awards:

1. **Star Club** of Rotary International District 3201
2. **Best Club in the District** in Community Service.
3. **Outstanding Club** in International Service in the District and **Best** in the Region.
4. TRF Contribution – **Outstanding in the District** and **Best** in the Region.
5. Signature Project (High mast lamp) – **Best Project** in the District.
6. Polio Fund Contribution – **Best Club** in the Region.
7. **Outstanding Club** of the District 3201.
8. Rtn Col C Gangadharan (Retd) – **Outstanding President** of the Region.
9. Rtn Raaj Mohan K – **Best Secretary** of the Region
10. Rtn Dr K S Menon: **Valuable Contribution** to TRF
11. Rtn R Madhusudhan: **Outstanding Regional Coordinator**, Appreciation for PHS

Membership and special recognition for conducting DG's Installation.

- 12. Rtn V A Balu: Resourceful Rotarian of the Region, Special recognition as a Dy District Secretary, TRF Service Award for outstanding contributions and **Best Secretariat Member**.
- 13. Rtn A Ram Mohan: **Outstanding Contribution** for District TRF Service.

Rotary Year 2011-12 will be remembered for years and years to come for the hard work and dedication of all our members and how we turned the direction of this great club to a brighter future.



Rtn. Col. C Gangadharan | President 2011-12



A family trip to Bali in 2016 (above)

Pictures from RI Convention in Bangkok 2012
Delegates at the venue(below)



Birthday celebration of Col Gangadharan in the
aircraft, thanks the captain of the flight! (below)



Reception at Bangkok airport to the RCO
team(below)



With our late Rtn. Vijayaraghavan (below)



Rtn. Col. C Gangadharan / President 2011-12

In Rotary since 2001

Rtn MPHF C.P. Baiju
President 2012-13




I joined Rotary movement in 2005, next year onwards served as board of director in various posts, became club secretary in the year 2007-08 while MPHF Rtn V.A. Balu was president. Secretary ship with a resource person like Rtn V.A. Balu helped me a lot in my future Rotary life.



I took President Ship at the age of thirty-eight in the year 2012-13. As usual all our club members shared their responsibilities and supported well. Club secretary Rtn Col KCK Nair's help was commendable.

We did three hundred twenty-six projects that year.



Peace Through Service
RI President: Rtn. Sakuji Tanaka
District Governor: Rtn. Rtn MD Rajkumar
Club Secretary: Rtn. Col. KCK Nair

Some important Projects are:

- Club RYLA.
- Club food festival. {23 Rotarians cooked food at CRR Hall}
- Mega medical camp.
- Rotary Quiz.
- Inducted seven new members.
- Donated US\$ **9,120** towards TRF
- Celebrated Diwali at Coimbatore with Rotary club of Cotton city.
- Donated seventy-two sewing machines and accessories for starting vocational training centres in and around Ottapalam.
- First time started Rotary – Lions Sangamam in Ottapalam.
- Friendship Cricket Match between Lions and Rotary. {Rotary won.}



- The Constructed Friendship hall by spending Rs 1,75,000
- Monthly regular bulletin.
- Hosted GSE team from California with A Kathakali Performance.
- Thirty Rotarians attended District Fellowship meet.
- Twenty-nine Rotarians attended Dt Conference and club awarded for maximum participation.
- Donated seven wheelchairs for needy.
- Club funded a WCS project at Philippines.
- Provided CNC Lathe training for 20 trainees at Institute of Manufacture Technology,

Rtn. C.P. Baiju | President 2012-13

Ambalappara and Bangalore with the sponsorship of Bosch Foundation Bangalore.

- Conducted Roller Skating Promotion for students on Independence Day.
- Regional RYLA “Sandeepani”.

{The 2-day regional RYLA was a residential training program organised by our club with Hotel Kottaram and famous Varikkassery Mana as two magnificent venues. At this context, I thankfully remember the late MAS Menon, whose contribution as chief trainer was unforgettable. All the participants enjoyed every aspect of the RYLA, the interesting classroom sessions, outdoor events, rocket-making, entertainments, the campfire and the accommodation arranged. The club proved our ability to organise big events with the able leadership of project chairman Rtn MPH F. V.A. Balu.}

- Regional Fellowship Meet “Sahajam”.
- {The regional fellowship meet Sahajam was yet another example of our organising skills. A well attended event in beautiful location of different ambience. Rotarians from Palakkad Thrissur region and from other parts of the district enjoyed and appreciated all the items, scintillating dance performances, mellifluous music, other cultural extravaganza, sumptuous food, above all, the unforgettable fellowship with the able leadership of project chairman Rtn MD R. Madhusudhan}



- Onam celebration along with Rotary club of Cotton city was ever memorable, the history of Onam was narrated in the form of a Drama, Written and Directed by Honorary Rotarian Adv P.T. Narendra Menon, almost all members participated this was really a visual treat. Thanks to Project Chairman Rtn Dr M Narayanan.

- The Signature Project: New Generation Bus waiting shelter at Lakkidi. Thanks to Engineer Rtn Col KCK Nair for the design. {After completing this project Government of Kerala approved and followed this model bus waiting shelter and my company United Machines and Tools get the contract and we successfully completed thirty-nine Bus waiting shelter in Palakkad District.}

- New Club formation Rotary club of Kalladikode.
- New Club formation Rotary club of Shoranur. {It is worth mentioning here that both the clubs are performing extremely well. Our club can be proud to have formed two vibrant clubs that grew to remarkable position in the District. Both the clubs not only came up against all odds to a perfect shape but also have produced leaders in short span, including Assistant Governors. The reason behind their good performance is the guidance, nurturing and hand holding done by our club especially by the GSRs Rtn MPH F. R. Madhusudhan and Rtn MPH F. Ambalakkat Ram Mohan}

The hard work of club was well honoured by Rotary District 3201 and Rotary international. The club bagged a record of 27 awards includes:

Rotary International Awards:

- Membership development initiative award signed by Rotary International President.
- Presidential Citation, Peace through service Award signed by Rotary International President.
- Avenues of Service Citation for Rtn MPH F. P. Sivadas.
- Outstanding contribution to Polio Plus, Rtn MPH F. C.P. Baiju.

Rotary District-3201 Awards:

- Award for WCS funding at Philippines.
- Five Star Club Award.
- Award for Innovative 4-way test program.
- Outstanding Secretary Award to Rtn COL KCK Nair.
- Best president Award to Rtn MPH F. C.P. Baiju.



After Presidentship served District, Regional, and Zonal posts, and Assistant Governor in the year 2015-16 with Rtn MD Kamlesh Raheja. Currently I am serving as CRR Trust secretary 2014 onwards.

In the year 2015-16 club nominated and Rotary international bestowed the **Avenues of service citation** for individual Rotarian for me.

The other important memories connected with my Rotary life are:

My Spouse Reshmi Baiju and self were also the part of Rotary friendship and family exchange team of 19 members to Malaysia and Singapore in the year 2006-07. It was a well organised twinning

program under the leadership of Rtn MPH Ambalakkat Ram Mohan.

My daughter Adithyalakshmi Baiju at the age of fifteen was selected for Rotary youth exchange program 2016-17. She stayed and studied in Czech Republic for five months and visited European countries, Poland, Germany, Austria, Italy and Slovak.

In the same year we hosted a student from France, Marine Fontane for one year. Her father Mr Thomas Fontane and sister Agathe Fontane visited our house and stayed ten days with us.

In 2018 Adithya Lakshmi Baiju's teacher from Czech Republic Ms IVETA DEMLOVA and family consisting of three members visited our house and we hosted and visited various parts of Kerala during these days.

I thank Rtn Ambalakkat Ram Mohan for introducing me and family to Rotary. Rotary influenced me a lot in my Business, friendship, and family life.

I also thank the hard-working president Rtn Ramachandran for giving me an opportunity to recollect the memories.

Thank you.
Jai Rotary.



My Family

In Rotary since 2001

Rtn Adv. N.K. Jayadevan

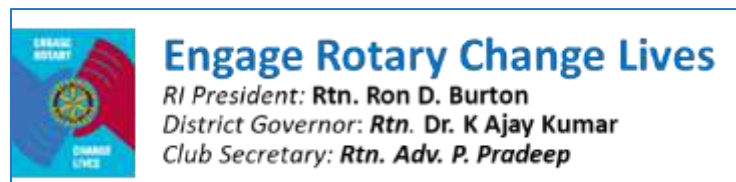
President 2013-14



As someone is called as accidental prime minister, my stint as the president of this prestigious club was totally accidental.

My friends have nominated me to lead this marvellous club in 2008-09 but I failed to keep up the expectations and decided to politely refuse my nomination. But after some years since a similar situation arose, I decided to fill up the vacancy for 2013-14 period. When I decided to take up the position, I felt that it is my responsibility to do justice to the coveted post and to this prestigious club. My deficiency i.e. the lack of contact with the Rotarian's of our neighbouring clubs started staring at me. Then I decided to enhance the public relation by attending all the Gov's of the neighbouring clubs from December 2012 onwards and that was really a wonderful experience. I along with our brother Rotarians attended all the Gov's and other regional and district level programme without missing even one. I understood the popularity of our club during those visits and that motivated me to a great extent.

Then the eye-opening programme, PETS was attended by me along with Rtn Adv Pradeep where we got a great opportunity to learn so many interesting things about our great organisation. For both of us the PETS was actually an eye opener as we were attending the club activities only for friendship and fellowship till then.



After assuming office we struggled to conduct the regular weekly meetings and board meetings since both of us were stabilising our professional and business commitments but the tremendous support we received from the members particularly from the Past presidents have helped us to lead our club without shaking its credibility. The Rotary institute first level and the Rotary orientation seminar conducted in a befitting manner and the GMS conducted at Munnar was another great occasion that helped to showcase the strength of our club before the Rotarian's of our district. In the regional level we were recognised as an outstanding club and we were honoured with 16 awards.

The most memorable event happened during my tenure was at the District conference, the district governor has given us a chance to present an audio-visual programme of our prestigious ongoing project Damayanti rehabilitation programme on the conference venue.

The opportunity I got to lead this club has helped me to gain more experience in life and I am bowing my head before all of you for that.



The presidentship of our club is a wonderful opportunity and I sincerely recommend my friends to take up the leadership, enjoy the exposure and gain more experience.

Rtn. Adv. NK Jayadevan | President 2013-14

In Rotary since 2004

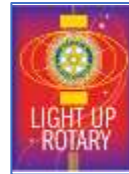
Rtn Col. KCK Nair

President 2014-15



My memory back to 2014-15 brings back the following activities carried out at the Rotary club of Ottapalam since I joined Rotary.

- Working overtime to make changes as per new requirement of RI & requirement of present generation for creating a change in functioning of club.
- The team has carried out more than 200 projects during the last 9 months costing approximately Rs. 22,31,000/- (refer to the attached file).
- New generation bus waiting shelter at Manissery.
- On 28th March 2015, a fresh project was inaugurated during the Rotary – Lion Sangamam.
- Rampant use of narcotics and drug abuse in schools was taught along with the Ottapalam police.
- Club service like gift of life.



LIGHT UP ROTARY

RI President: Rtn. Gary Huang

District Governor: Rtn. P Venugopala Menon

Club Secretary: Rtn. P. Vasudevan

- An artificial limb for a poor labour was carried out at Coimbatore hospital.
- Adopting of girl children for school education.
- Converting of club building for club activities like counseling by IW Meenu Koman.
- More than 21 awards were achieved by our Rotarians for the Palakkad & Trichur Clubs.
- 19 awards from the District 3201 was received by our club.
- Our Club was awarded 7 PHF during 2014-15.
- A record of about 90% visit to all the Rotary Clubs of 3201 along with Rtn. Madhusudan was carried out during the year.
- Certain changes in CRR Rotary Club namely additional room with aggregate base, high large PVC water tank, extra urinal, 2 fans and sink for cleaning of glass was added by self and Col. Gangadharan.
- The dais was changed with false ceiling, large flex board as per latest rules.
- Making of Coffee Table Book for the last 30 years right from the beginning up to June 2015. I am thankful to Rotarians for their help including Rtn. Vikas Nair, Rtn. KNS Narayanan and Rtn. V. A. Balu. I am also thankful to Rtn. T. N. Kutty, Rtn. A Ram Mohan and Rtn. Dr. Gopikumar for helping me with their details regarding the history and old photographs, right from the year 1985 onwards. The completion of the Coffee Table Book took 7 months of hard work for the benefit of our club. A total of 3 copies were

made plus one soft copy was sent through mail to each Rotarian.

- Along with the above we also prepared a book for writing the names of all guests who visit our club (including during Installation & visit of DG). A handing over / taking over of all details of the President, Secretary and the Treasurer right from 3 June 2015 for every year was also made.
- A minimum of one trip per year (or more) to any location either in India or out of the country. A copy of the same from 2015 to date (with a copy to all the members who had attended) for a particular location, some of them being:
 1. Uttarakhand – 19th May 2015
 2. Bali – 5th -10th Dec 2015
 3. Spiti Valley – 24th May 2016

4. Rajasthan – 15th – 25th Oct 2016
5. Odissa – 20th June 2017
6. Aurangabad – 12th Jan 2018
7. Bihar/Jharkhand 7-14 Nov 2019



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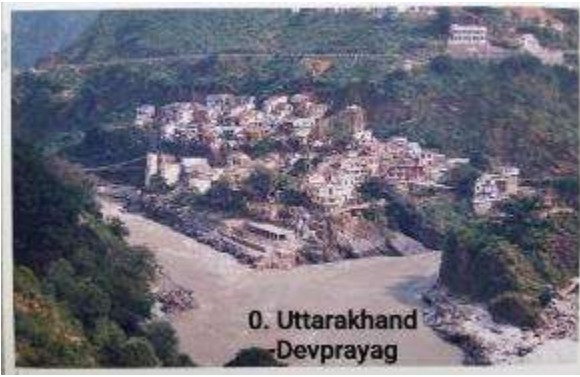


My Family

Historical photos



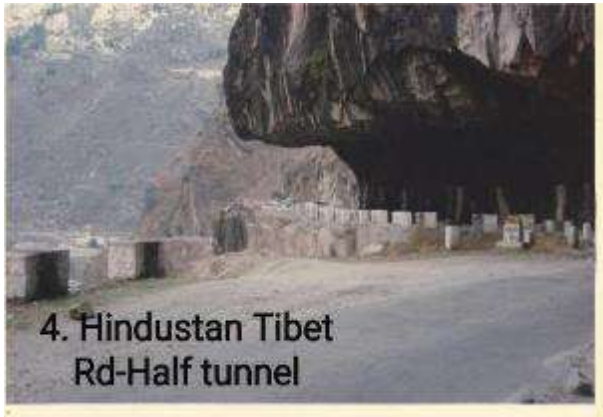
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0. Uttarakhand - Devprayag



9. Odissa- Leo of King Ashoka



4. Hindustan Tibet Rd-Half tunnel



3. Bali



6. SPiti Valley-Shimla



14. Gujarat - Sardar Patel



17. Jharkhand Deoghar Temple



10. Auranga trip on the way to Elephanta Caves



1. Uttarakhand Badrinath



5. Hindustan Tibet Rd

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In Rotary since 2010
Rtn. P.M. Krishnadasan
President 2015-16



Took over the mantle as 31st President, from Rtn. Col KCK Nair on 28th June 15 evening, in presence of an august crowd & chief guest PDG Sunil Zakaria.

A mixed feeling & a type of fear in mind, for “as to how I shall manage this prestigious club with more than 50% Past presidents.” What I had been informed till then was ... Managing PP’s are riskier than managing 2nd wife.

Further once weeks got over, I started enjoying this assignment & started getting a feeling of proud as President Rotary which is accepted by all elite crowd in and around Ottapalam.



Be a gift to the world
RI President: Rtn. K.R. Ravindran
District Governor: Rtn. Kamalesh Raheja
Club Secretary: Rtn. Dr. M. Narayanan

Major Project executed – C R ROTARY HALL UP GRADE.
 Total CRR Hall Building upgrade done by – Water proofing, Rat proofing, Sheeting repairs, False ceiling of entire hall, Air conditioner in Stage area, Entrance rain protection with sheeting, and complete re – painting.



This was a need of year, as the earlier roof sheets, supported on old queen post truss & fans hanging from, was very shabby looking & upgrade of hall was inevitable. Total expenditure as of then was Rs. 3,78,000/-



E-Literacy project.. Free Basic Computer Education & training to 100 poor students.

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സൗജന്യ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ പരിശീലനം

4-WAY TEST PROMOTION

സൗജന്യ തൊഴിലധിഷ്ഠിത കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ പരിശീലനം

Project Director: Rtn. K. Ramesh Babu
 Project Manager: Rtn. P.M. Krishnadasan
 Project Officer: Rtn. Dr. M. Narayanan

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President's Installation

The Installation ceremony of President Rtn PHF P M Krishnadasan was held on 28 June 2015. The Chief Guest was Rtn PDG Sunil K Zachariah. Secretary Rtn MPHf Dr M Narayanan and the Board of Directors also assumed office along with the President. Rtn PHF Col KCK Nair in his presidential address pointed out that the year that went by was a successful one with almost all of the set goals accomplished. He thanked all the members of the club who supported all the service projects during the year. President Rtn Krishnadasan in his acceptance speech informed the gathering that the team was all set to work in unison to ensure that all the priorities set by District Governor Rtn Kamlesh Raheja will be carried out in time with the unstinting support of all Past Presidents and Rotarians



Image Gallery



Bali Tour 2015

In conclusion, though I had to face many criticisms / comments etc. by the time I complete my tenure as president, I had become more practical, sober, more matured & rejuvenated. A reality I can say with pride.!

Indeed, This report shall be incomplete if did not mention my right hand/strength from Rtn. Dr. Narayanan, my Secretary and good support from fellow Rotarians of club. I use this platform to express my gratitude & remain thankful to all.

Best wishes to our current President Rtn. Ramachandran, who dared, to make this June's ORN, with memoirs of Past Presidents. The so called PP's.

Krishna Dasan



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Rtn Dr. M. Narayanan

President 2016-17




ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY
 RI President: Rtn. John F Germ
 District Governor: Rtn. Dr. Prakash Chandran
 Club Secretary: Rtn. Ramachandran K

പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് കാലയളവിലെ ഓർമ്മകൾക്ക് നിറവും ജീവനും നൽകി അവതരിപ്പിക്കാൻ നിർബന്ധിതരാക്കി യിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ജേഷ്തുല്യനായ ചന്ദ്രൻ്റെ ഈ നിർബന്ധത്തിന് വഴങ്ങി ഞാനും ഒരു പരീക്ഷണത്തിന് മുതിരുകയാണ്. ചരിത്രത്തിലേക്ക് തിരിഞ്ഞു നോക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പ് വർത്തമാനത്തെപ്പറ്റി പറയാതിരിക്കാൻ വയ്യ. സാമൂഹിക സേവനത്തിൻ്റെയും സാഹോദര്യത്തിൻ്റെയും മറ്റൊരു അവിസ്മരണീയ റോട്ടറി വർഷത്തിന് ചുക്കാൻ പിടിക്കുകയും അതിൻ്റെ ഒരു കലാശ ആരോഹണത്തിലേക്ക് കൊട്ടി കയറുകയും ചെയ്തു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന

അവസരത്തിലാണ് കോവിഡ് 19 മഹാമാരി കാര്യങ്ങളൊക്കെ മാറ്റിമറിച്ചത്.

GOV ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള ക്ലബിൻ്റെ പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ചടങ്ങുകളുടെയും സുഹൃത്സംഗമളുടെയും മുന്നൊരുക്കങ്ങൾ നടക്കവേ ആണ് ഈ മഹാമാരി കടന്നു വന്നത്. അഭൂതപൂർവ്വമായ ലോക വ്യാപകമായി ഉടലെടുത്ത ഈ പ്രതിസന്ധിയിൽ പോലും മെമ്പർമാരുടെ സാമൂഹിക പ്രതിബധത ഏകോപിപ്പിക്കുകയും, സാഹചര്യത്തിനനുയോജ്യമായ കൈ കഴുകൽ ഇടങ്ങൾ, റിലീഫ് ഫണ്ടിലേക്കുള്ള സംഭാവന, **TRF** സംഭാവന, സാമൂഹിക അടുക്കളകളിലേക്കുള്ള സാമഗ്രികളുടെ സംഭാവന, അംഗങ്ങൾക്കും പൊതുജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഉള്ള മുഖാവരണ വിതരണം, പോലീസ് ഓഫീസർമാർക്കുള്ള കൂട വിതരണം, **ORN** പതിപ്പിലൂടെ നടത്തിയ കോവിഡ് ബോധവൽക്കരണം, വീഡിയോ

ഒറ്റപ്പാലം റോട്ടറി മാസികയുടെ (ORN) ജൂൺ ലക്കം ഈ റോട്ടറി വർഷത്തിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന അവസാനത്തേതാണല്ലോ. അതു കൊണ്ടു തന്നെ നമ്മുടെ ബഹുമാന്യനായ പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് റോ: രാമചന്ദ്രൻ കുണ്ടുതൊടി അവർകളുടെ വിടവാങ്ങൽ പതിപ്പുകൂടിയാണ്. ഇതിൻ്റെ ഭാഗമായി ട്രാവണം പതിവിൽ നിന്നും വ്യത്യസ്തമായി ഭാവവും ഉള്ളടക്കവും ബൗദ്ധിക പ്രാതിനിധ്യവും ഉറപ്പാക്കാൻ ചന്ദ്രൻ മുൻകാല പ്രസിഡൻ്റുമാർ ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള മെമ്പർമാരിൽ നിന്നും ലേഖനങ്ങൾ ക്ഷണിച്ചത്. ഇവയെല്ലാം ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തി കൊണ്ട് ഒരു വ്യത്യസ്തമായ മാസ്റ്റർ പീസിൻ്റെ ആവിഷ്കരണത്തിന് തയ്യാറെടുക്കുന്ന ചന്ദ്രന് ആദ്യം തന്നെ ഭാവുകങ്ങൾ നേരട്ടെ.

ഈ ഒരു ഉദ്യമം പൊതുവേ അക്ഷര വിരോധികളായ നമ്മളെ പലരേയും, ഒരു പിടി അക്ഷരങ്ങൾ കൂട്ടി ചേർത്ത് വാക്കുകളേയും അവയിൽ നിന്ന് വാചകങ്ങളേയും ആശയങ്ങളേയും മെനഞ്ഞെടുത്ത്, താന്താങ്ങളുടെ

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കോൺഫറൻസിലൂടെയുള്ള പ്രതിവാര മീറ്റിങ്ങിന് തുടങ്ങിയ അനുഭവങ്ങൾക്കുപുറമെ കാര്യങ്ങൾ ലോക്ക് ഡൗൺ കാലത്തും നടപ്പിലാക്കിയതിന് നമ്മളെല്ലാവരും പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് റിനോട് കടപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് റിനോ വലം കയ്യായി നിന്നു കൊണ്ട് ക്ലബിൻ്റെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഏകോപിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന് അശ്രാന്തം പ്രവർത്തിച്ച നമ്മുടെ സെക്രട്ടറി റോ: കെ എൻ കേശവദാസിന് ആയിരം ആശ്ലേഷണങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്നു. 2008 ആണ് ഡോ. ബിനോയ് ജോണിൻ്റെ പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തലിലൂടെ ഒറ്റപ്പാലം റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് അംഗങ്ങൾ എന്നെ ഈ ക്ലബിലേക്കും അതിലൂടെ റോട്ടറി പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിലേക്കും സ്വീകരിച്ചത്. അതിലൂടെ വലിയൊരു സുഹൃത്ത് വൃന്ദത്തെയും, സാമൂഹിക സേവനത്തിൻ്റെയും, നേതൃത്വ പരിശീലനത്തിൻ്റെയും അനന്തമായ പറ്റുദീപ്യം എന്നിങ്ങനെയും എൻ്റെ കുടുംബത്തിനും സ്വായത്തമാക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇത് വ്യക്തി ജീവിതത്തിലും തൊഴിലിടത്തും വളരെ ഗുണകരമായ പല മാറ്റങ്ങളും എന്നിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന് നന്ദിപൂർവ്വം അനുസ്മരിക്കട്ടെ. പുതുതായി വരുന്ന മെമ്പറെ ക്ലബിനു അകത്തും പുറത്തുള്ള റോട്ടറി സൗഹൃദ കൂട്ടായ്മയിലേക്ക് പരിചയപ്പെടുത്തുകയും, ക്ലബിൻ്റെ വിവിധ സാമൂഹിക സേവന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ ചുമതല യേൽപ്പിലൂടെ തങ്ങളിൽ ലഭ്യമായ ഇടത്തുള്ള നേതൃത്വ പാഠവത്തെ പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കുകയും, അത് അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര റോട്ടറി പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിൻ്റെ സേവന

പ്രവർത്തി പഥത്തിനായി പാകപ്പെടുത്തി ഉപയോഗിച്ച്, തന്നിരിക്കുന്ന ചുറ്റുമുള്ള സമൂഹത്തിൽ ഗുണകരമായ വ്യത്യാസങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയെടുക്കുകയും, അതിലൂടെ ആ വ്യക്തിയിലെ പൗരബോധത്തെ കൂടുതൽ ഉത്തരവാദിത്തപ്പെടുത്താനും റോട്ടറിയുടെ ഒരു പ്രവർത്തന രീതിയാണല്ലോ. ഇത്തരമൊരു പാകപ്പെടുത്തലിലൂടെ ഉയരാൻ ഈ ക്ലബിലെ മുൻമുറക്കാർ എന്നെയും സഹായിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മുഖ്യധാരാ നേതൃനിരയിലേക്ക് പടിപടിയായി ഉയർത്തപ്പെട്ട ക്ലബിൻ്റെ സെക്രട്ടറി പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് എന്നീ ചുമതലകൾ നിർവ്വഹിക്കാൻ ഉള്ള നിയോഗം 2015-16 / 2016-17 വർഷങ്ങളിൽ എന്നിങ്ങനെയും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.



2015-16 വർഷത്തിൽ ക്ലബ് പ്രസിഡൻ്റായിരുന്ന റോ: P M കൃഷ്ണദാസ് ആ വർഷത്തെ ഡിസ്ട്രിക്റ്റ് ഗവർണർ ആയിരുന്ന റോ: കമലേഷ് ഹേജ, 2016-17 കാലയളവിലെ ഗവർണർ റോ:ഡോ പ്രകാശ് ചന്ദ്രൻ, ക്ലബ് സിക്രട്ടറി റോ: K രാമചന്ദ്രൻ, ട്രഷറർ റോ: Col കെ സി കെ നായർ എന്നിവരുടെ സഹകരണവും മാർഗനിർദ്ദേശങ്ങളും ഇവിടെ പ്രത്യേകം സ്മരിക്കുന്നു. തൊഴിലിടം ഉയർത്തിയ സമയ പരിമിതി പലപ്പോഴും ചുമതലകൾ നിർവ്വഹിക്കുന്നതിന്

Rtn. Dr. M. Narayanan / President 2016-17

കടമ്പകളായിരുന്നു എങ്കിലും, അതെല്ലാം നിഷ്പ്രഭമാക്കുന്ന നിലയിലുള്ള സഹകരണവും സ്നേഹവും മെമ്പർമാരിൽ നിന്നും അന്ന് ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളത് നന്ദിയോടെ സ്മരിക്കട്ടെ. അംഗങ്ങളുടെ സജീവ പങ്കാളിത്തത്തോടെ നിരവധി ഓർമ്മയിൽ തങ്ങുന്ന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഈ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ നടത്തിയെടുക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നത് വളരെ ചാരിതാർത്ഥ്യം തരുന്ന ചിന്തകളാണ്.



ചുനങ്ങാട് പട്ടിക വിഭാഗം കോളനിയിലെ 15 വീടുകളുടെ വൈദ്യുതീകരണം, പാലപ്പുറം സ്കൂളിലെ ശുചിമുറി ബ്ലോക്ക് നിർമ്മാണം, സ്പിറ്റി വാലി യാത്ര, റോ: ബൈജു വിൻ്റെ ചുമതലയിൽ ക്ലബിൻ്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ യൂത്ത് ഏകസച്ചേഞ്ച് (ആദിത്യ ലക്ഷ്മി ചെക്കിലേക്കും, മെറിൻ നമ്മുടെ ക്ലബിലേക്കും),



CRR ഹാളിൻ്റെ നിലം ടൈൽസ് പതിക്കൽ, ഏ സി ഘടിപ്പിക്കൽ തുടങ്ങിയവയോടു കൂടിയ നവീകരണം എന്നീ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ മനസ്സിൽ തങ്ങി നിൽക്കുന്നു.

ഇതിലൊക്കെ ഉപരിയായി ഈ പദവികൾ കൈകാര്യം ചെയ്തതിലൂടെ ലഭിച്ച അനുഭവ സമ്പത്തും സൗഹൃദവും, വ്യക്തിപരമായി എനിക്ക് വിലമതിക്കാൻ പറ്റാത്ത അമൂല്യ സമ്പത്തുകളാണ്.



അടുത്ത റോട്ടറി വർഷം പടിവാതിൽക്കൽ എത്തി നിൽക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ നിയുക്ത പ്രസിഡൻ്റ് റോ: പ്രമോദ് കുമാറിനും സെക്രട്ടറി റോ: ശ്രീനിവാസനും എല്ലാ ഭാവുകങ്ങളും നേരുന്നു ഒപ്പം എല്ലാ സഹകരണങ്ങളും വാഗ്ദാനവും ചെയ്യുന്നു. മഹാമാരി ഒരുക്കിയ പുതിയ ലോകക്രമത്തിനുതക്കുന്ന രീതിയിലുള്ള പുതിയ പ്രവർത്തന രീതി ആർജിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് നമ്മളുടെ ഈ സൗഹൃദ കുട്ടായ്മ മുന്നോട്ടു തന്നെ പ്രയാണം തുടരും



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Rtn. Dr. M. Narayanan | President 2016-17

In Rotary since 2007

Rtn K. Raaj Mohan

President 2017-18




When I look back at the tenure that I have been privileged to be associated with Rotary International, 2017-18 has, without doubt, been the most memorable. It was an honour and a pleasure to serve as the president of Rotary club Ottapalam(RCO).

This was a period of much cherished personal and team achievements, with the support and encouragement of all of you and am proud to say that Rotary Club of Ottapalam achieved many milestones, continuing from the good work that has been laid down for many years.



I was privileged to work with the second District Governor from Palakkad Rtn. Vinod K Kutty, District Director Rtn. A.M. Baby, Assistant Governor Rtn. V Balachandran, GGR Rtn. Anoop Varkey, club secretary Rtn. Dr. Satheesh Kumar Nair and Treasurer Rtn. Col. Gangadharan.

All of them were highly supportive and encouraging for all our activities, which helped me and our club to perform well and we were duly recognized at the **Regional and District levels with Best Club , Best President, Club Bulletin, District Priorities** . Rotary: Making a Difference.



Rotary Making a Difference
 RI President: Rtn. Ian Risely
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The RI Theme for the year 2017-18, showed our commitment towards humanity. Promoted the good work of Rotary through effective public out reach.

As I mentioned earlier, 2017-18 was a period of many achievements for our club and for me personally as a Rotarian. There were personal milestones and our club executed many activities for the first time in our history. I was the first second generation Rotarian (son of Past President Rtn. KS Madhavan) to become the President of RCO.



I was installed as the 33rd President of Rotary club of Ottapalam by the then DGE Rtn. AV Pathy at the Thevarakad Convention centre Vadakkencherry on July 2nd, 2017. I am the one and only President of our club to be installed at the same venue as that of the District Governor's.

All the Past Presidents of our club were honored on the day I took over the Presidentship from Rtn.Dr.Narayanan.



It was a honour to take over and induct the Board members in the presence of such stalwarts, who have guided us over the years.

Inducted 3 new members, Two of them were retired lady army officers (Lt. Col. Sreelatha Rajeev and Lt. Col. Sindhu Santhosh) during my President ship.

Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan | President 2017-18



We started a much-appreciated speaker meeting series titled “Guruvum Arivum”, which has been continuing successfully. All the major projects were given a Malayalam name, (Jalaamrutham, Guruvum Arivum, Thalirum Thanallum)



Instituted K.S. Madhavan Memorial Rotary Vocational Excellence Award. Two eminent women were presented the award: Smt Prasanna Jayasankar, former captain of Indian women’s basketball team, for her invaluable contributions in the field of basketball, Smt Anita Nair, renowned writer, for her exemplary contributions in the field of English language and literature.

We joyfully celebrated the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrations of our Rotarian couples – Rtn. Peethambaran & Rtn. Uma Peethambaran, Rtn. Ambalakkat Ram Mohan & Rtn. Nirmala Ram Mohan, and Rtn. Dr. Gopikumar and Ann. Bhagiya lakshmy. It was an active year and we completed many major activities to make it memorable one:



Jalaamruthum - our water project Before start

conscious club aware of the need for pure drinking water and restoration of water bodies, we completed the following projects:

Restoration of Thamarakulam ,Well recharging at AUP school Kanniampuram and Rotary Garden, Installation of water purifier at Rotary Hall, Conducted a Seminar on Water Conservation by Sri. Jose Raphel and a Speaker meeting on water management on World Water day by the Joint Director of Irrigation, Sri Sudheer Padikkal.



Jalaamruthum - our water project After completion

As part of ‘Parivarthan’ a district grant project, constructed two toilet blocks at AJB School, Palappuram. The project envisaged last year, was constructed and handed over during 2017-18.



The End Polio Rally at Ottapalam town on World Polio day, WINS (Wash in school), formation of Interact clubs and Rotary Community Corp etc are the few highlights



Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan | President 2017-18

We achieved 100% participation (12 Board members mandatory by the District) in the District Training Assembly at Coimbatore.



Rotary Family tour to Tamil Nadu “Explore Tamil Nadu Heritage” and the two inter club meeting with Rotary club of Karaikudi and Rotary club of Chidambarm which we enjoyed and memorable..

We also could release 3 Club bulletin (Print copy) Ottapalam Rotary News.

When I took over as 33rd President of Rotary Club Of Ottapalam, I had my own doubt that it will be a herculean task. But with the support and co-operation of our Rotarians, Anns and Annets we could achieve our goals.

“EACH ONE OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE, TOGETHER WE MAKE CHANGE”

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan | President 2017-18



My Family

Some Golden Oldies photos shared by Rtn. Raaj Mohan



Charter President late Rtn. Capt. P.S. Rajan



Charter Secretary late Rtn. K.S. Madhavan

GOV 1988-89: President Late Rtn. KS Madhavan (Father of Rtn. Raaj Mohan) addressing



President, secretary and Mrs Sukumari Narendra Menon with First GGR from RCO late Rtn. Capt. P S Rajan

Rtn. K. Raaj Mohan | President 2017-18

In Rotary since 2001

Rtn. Adv. P. Pradeep

President 2018-19



I am proud to occupy the special position of Immediate Past President of this prestigious Club for the current year.



Last Rotary year, 2018-19 was one which saw the unprecedented devastating deluge that submerged whole of our Kerala state. The damages caused by the floods were irrecoverable. Our club could act spontaneously to provide immediate assistance to local self-government by contributing food, clothes, mattresses, and other urgent basic needs for people who were rescued from flood hit areas and put in sheltercamps.

We continued our selfless services, joining hands with district and other clubs too. The district flood relief activities named as Project Hope was well



BE THE INSPIRATION
RI President: Rtn. Barry Russin
District Governor: Rtn. A.V. Pathy
Club Secretary: Rtn. Col. K Venugopal

supported by our club. Overall, our club raised funds and did various service activities worth a lakh and a half of rupees for flood relief alone.

Despite having lost many useful days on account of floods, our club managed to carry out as many as 250 projects during the year.

Strengthening of our club was of prime focus for the year. As part of it we added six new members. The interpersonal relationship among members was so enhanced that the club worked as a cohesive unit in all areas of service. The communication among members, between other clubs and district were at the best. This year we could restart the publication of monthly e bulletin which had been our masterpiece during a couple of years earlier.



Apart from e bulletin, the website of our own reintroduced, a fully developed mobile app was launched and the channels of communication were increased. The fellowship activities were so exciting with full-fledged Rotary Kitchen and homely cuisines not only stimulating our taste buds but uniting the members as well.

The formation of a new club, in temple city of Guruvayur is the most significant achievement the club made this year. This was the third club we sponsored in recent years, all three doing extremely well.

Rtn. Adv. P. Pradeep | President 2018-19

Community service projects done throughout the year, be it the School library project in Lakkidi worth more than two lakhs, School toilet block worth another one lakh, Garden setting in AJB School Palappuram and Mini civil station, Children's park in BEM School Vaniamkulam, house construction for poor, noon meals to 200 needy people every month as part of DG's program Million Smiles, traffic sign boards in prime locations, blood donation (Million ounces of blood), tree planting (Million trees), drinking water facility to many, Bio Gas system to few families, timely financial assistance to the destitute, TRF contributions(DG's successful mission of Million Dollars to TRF) etc and many more, enhanced Rotary's public image to large extent.



Successful implementation of our Global Grant project which gave new life to 27 paraplegic patients by providing them mobility vehicles, including chin operated motorised wheel chair, 23 three - wheeler scooters, vocational aids like sewing machines, and many more, was culminated by the grand inaugural function organised on the auspicious day of International Day of the Disabled Persons.



Starting from conception of idea, to the final report of the project worth 24 lakhs of rupees raised through various hard steps of Global Grant, the entire credit goes to our past President Rtn Ambalakat Ram Mohan for which all the beneficiaries and our club are indebted to him.

The year witnessed three phases of travelling fellowship program. The major program was the Rotary Family tour to Gujarat, visiting Statue of Unity, Diu, Dwarka, Ahmedabad, Rotary Clubs of Bhavnagar & Jamnagar, and other places. Another team visited Dubai/Bahrain on an International Tour.



The meaningful activities in a pace of nearly a project-a-day, medical camps, dental camps, Dhanyadhaan, public image initiatives all these

and more were duly recognised by the District by showering good number of accolades and awards for the year.

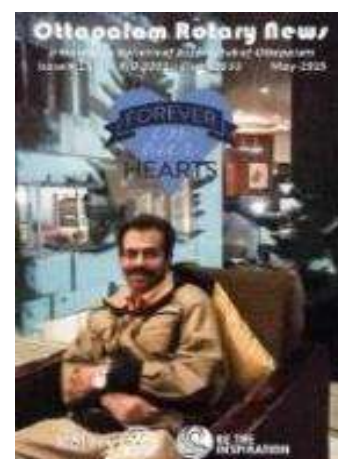
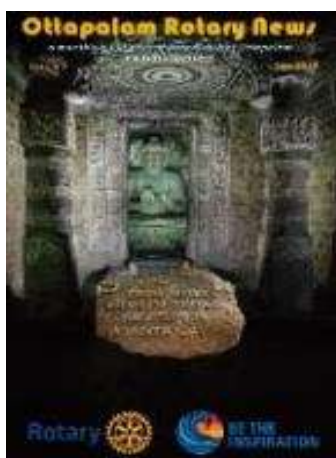
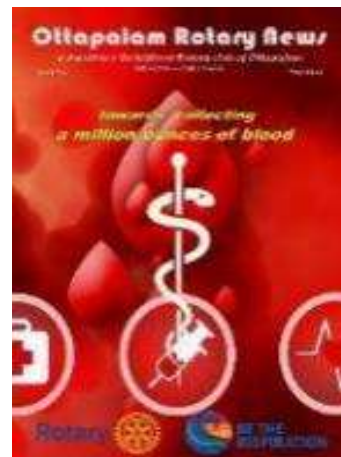
I enjoyed the whole year not as a President but as a Rotarian. The success of the year was resulted by the unmatched contributions of Secretary, Rtn Lt Col Venugopalan and bulletin editor/ Communication Officer Rtn Ramchandran.



The year was made so eventful and memorable by the unconditional support of one and all of our members and my family. That is the sum-total of the entire year's Rotary in Ottapalam.

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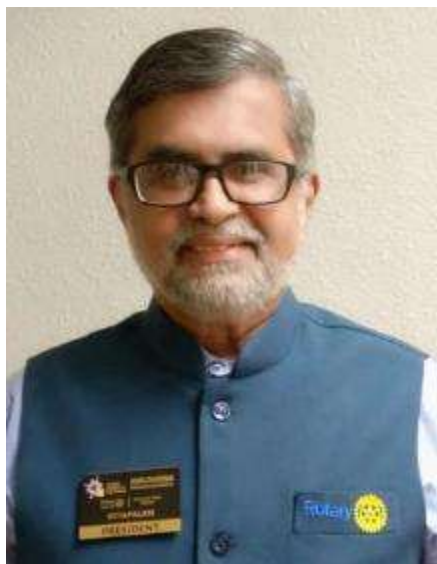
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Special Edition Bulletin - Global Grant Project # 1861779 (support to Paraplegic & Quadriplegic patients)

In Rotary since 2014

Rtn. Ramachandran K

President 2019-20



The installation our team 2019-20 with the district theme Mission2020-Responsible India and RI Theme Rotary connects the world was held on 7th July 2019 at the CRR Hall. The Chief guest was PDG Rtn. Venugopal C Govind.


The Inner Wheel club of Ottapalam also took the charge along with Rotary team lead by my wife Jayanthi Ramachandran.

We had our PETS held at Udaya Samudra Beach Resorts, Kovalam.

We kicked off the year projects with couple SMILE projects as envisaged by our DG Rtn. Madhav Chandran on the 1st of July 2019 itself.

We did not get our signature projects envisaged for Ottapalam Garden and the Public rest room at the Municipal bus stand did not take off due to lack of cooperation from the Municipal authorities. The focus immediately moved to other areas like scholarships, Meals a week, palliative care, etc.

A summary of activities carried out is given on the end of this report. Once again I thank all my fellow Rotarians in making my tenure smooth.

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD
 RI President: **Rtn. Mark Daniel Maloney**
 District Governor: **Rtn. R. Madhav Chandran**
 Club Secretary: **Rtn. K.N. Kesavadas**



Rtn. Ramachandran K | President 2019-20



Interational Guests at Kalamandalam





Rotary Club of Ottapalam

Here is an opportunity to be recognized instantly! Report your club activities, projects and programs on time before 20th of the month with attractive pictures and enjoyable reading material. Your club might be selected as the Club of the month by an expert panel and featured in the next month's magazine. For remarkable events, meaningful projects in diverse avenues and in line with the Governor's priority being done by Clubs will qualify for the Club being featured with pictures in the next month's issue of Mission 2020. So why wait till the end of the year for the awards and recognition? Get set, Go!

Event 1: A geriatric Club was formed in association with PK Das hospital and RC Shoranur. Round the clock service of doctors, Subsidised treatment and also library facilities was made available at the hospital.

Event 2: 110 eye patients were tested free of charge and 11 out of them were referred for cataract surgery, all free of cost in association with Ottapalam Eye care Hospital.

Event 3: Free food was served at Poly Garden, Lakshmi a home of mentally retarded adults on two occasions sponsored by the members of the Club.

Event 4: 7000 notices were printed and distributed for public awareness on the importance of Pulse Polio immunisation which was carried out on 19-Jan 2020.

Event 5: The Club conducted the marriage of a couple and also sponsored the post wedding feast for 500 people.

Event 6: Food was given to the inmates of Tamil Balaratham, an orphanage on couple of occasions.

Event 7: A public Road safety awareness program was conducted at the school for students, parents, teachers and for general public.

Other Events: Year long medical assistance is being given to two needy patients. Two ongoing drinking water projects, one at Chozangad and the other at Koonanthara supporting 34 families with clean and safe drinking water. A biogas plant is being serviced on monthly basis.

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to cater the needs of 52 families at Sreekrishnapuram. Two tailoring institutes are being managed by the Club providing training for women to earn their livelihood. The Club also has an RCC helping the locality for their needs.

In addition to the weekly meetings and board meetings, President Ramachandran K and members were busy throughout in organizing the showcased projects, thus enabling the Club to be featured as the "Club of the month - January". Kudos to Team Ottapalam.

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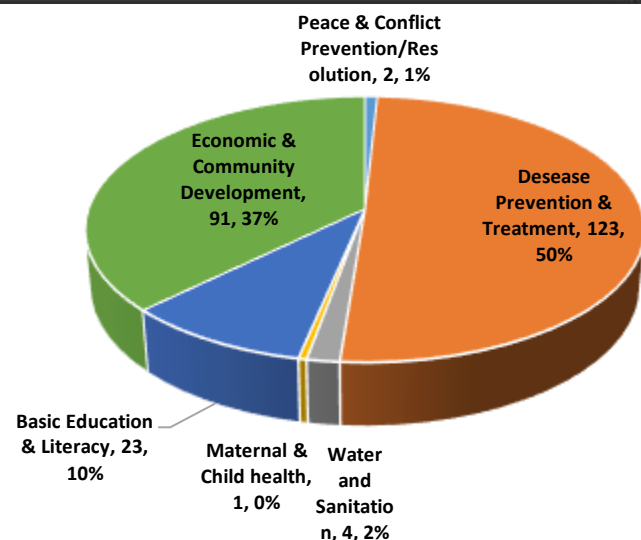




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RC Ottapalam - Projects-2019-20 by Avenues				
Area of Focus	Total	Beneficiaries	Man Hrs	
1 Peace & Conflict Prevention/Reso	2	174	90	
2 Desease Prevention & Treatment	123	2492	919	
3 Water and Sanitation	4	620	15	
4 Maternal & Child health	1	70	12	
5 Basic Education & Literacy	23	2614	217	
6 Economic & Community Develop	91	7998	465	
7 Others	178	5,741	5,800	
Total	422	19709	7,518	





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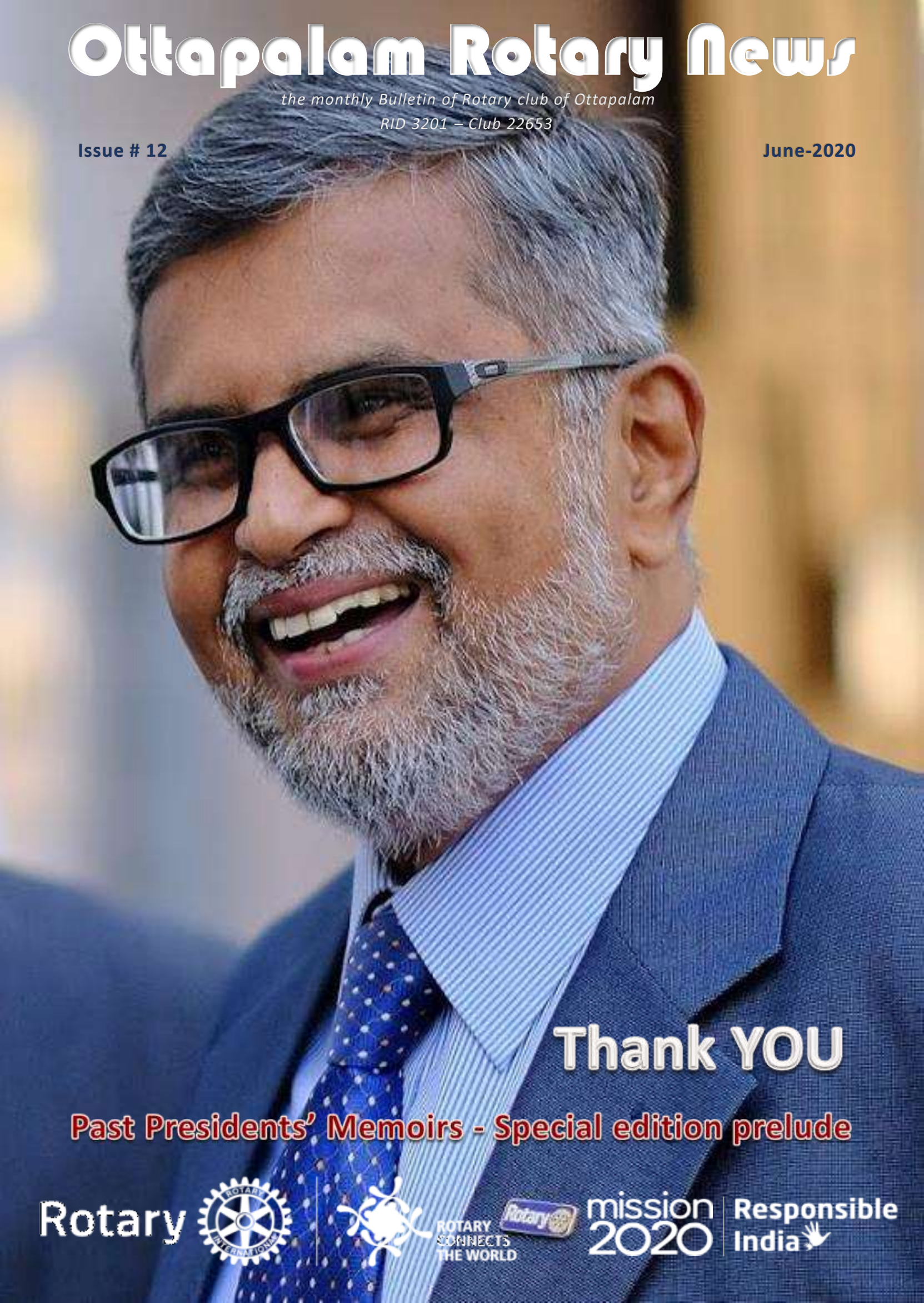
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